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Something to Roar About!

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 boasts a new look, a new feel, a new excitement. Truly, the *History in the Making* marketing campaign of UNA is best demonstrated in this issue, proving we are looking back to move forward.

A look back in time reminds us that this is an anniversary year for major UNA features. Did you know that Football was resurrected at UNA in 1949 after being without a team since 1929? Coach Hal Self was the first full-time coach. Did you know that **L. L. Whitten ('52)** made the first interception; **Carl Boley ('53)**, the first touchdown; **Joe Brewer ('55)**, the first punt? Did you know that Florence

State Teachers College fielded the first marching band in 1949? (During that academic year, FSTC was the third-largest college in Alabama with an enrollment of 1,400 students. Twenty-seven of those students formed the band). The History of UNA football is the central theme of this publication. From the beginning until the current day, UNA football coaches have made a memorable impression on the university community and the young athletes they mentored. Needless to say, we are looking forward to Coach Terry Bowden and the impact he is sure to make on UNA Athletics and the entire University community.

Homecoming is a standard feature of the spring issue of the UNA Magazine. Meet the alumni award winners who came back to campus in October to celebrate a Blast from the Past. Read features on **Dr. Phillip Langsdon ('75)**, **Jean Schulman ('75)**, and **Weldon Cole ('60)** and the masses of noteworthy alumni who were recognized as award winners. **Mark your 2009 calendar for Homecoming Weekend October 2 and 3.**

Additionally, go online and make nominations for alumni award winners to be honored during that weekend.

The Culinary Arts students in the department of Human Environmental Sciences are making a name for themselves, blazing a trail for UNA chefs and gourmet cooks. Come home this summer for the second UNA Summer Theatre extravaganza, details are forthcoming. We will be sending the UNA Alumni and Friends E-Letter monthly for an opportunity for you to keep up with what is happening on campus.

We have been bragging about the new UNA Alumni OnLion® Community for some time now. We expect to go-live soon and offer you forwarding e-mail addresses, networking with friends (in geographical or affinity groups), alumni chapter Web sites, postings of meetings in your area, and an invitation to self-service update your records as well as send OnLion notes. Of course, this community is optional; you must sign up for these perks. We offer you the opportunity to come into the technically savvy new world of communications and we hope that you will join us. Invite all of your net community friends to come in with you. If we do not have your e-mail address, provide it now.

Roar Lions!

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Carol Lyles with
Ronald McKinnon

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message from the Alumni President

Thank you for allowing me to serve as National Alumni Association President for 2008-2009. It is such an honor to be part of the legacy of leadership for this alumni association. I look forward to working with Carol, Rhonda, and the board as we continue to carry out the mission of the NAA.

It is exciting to be part of "History in the Making" at UNA. We have a wonderful history in scholastics, athletics, and the arts. I would like to encourage everyone to "Come Home" to UNA this year and discover your part in this history. Plan on coming to one of the many events on campus or just take a stroll through our beautiful campus. Visit Rogers Hall, your Alumni House, see the lions, and enjoy the Harrison Fountain. There have been so many changes in the last 10 years. Come see for yourself!

If you can't come home often, you may look for an alumni chapter in your area. We are scheduling events with different chapters and would love for you to be involved. These include sporting events as well as the arts, so check the UNA Alumni and Friends E-letter for dates. We will be inviting you to join our UNA OnLion Community ... watch for details.

I love the Town and Gown partnership that exists between UNA and the community. I want to see that grow and develop. I hope everyone will take advantage of the Distinguished Events Series that is offered free to the public. UNA will also be partnering with the American Cancer Society for the Coaches vs. Cancer Basket Ball in August.

Since Dr. Alan Medders has been at UNA, I have learned the importance of each alumni giving, no matter the size of the gift. A higher percentage of alumni givers is needed in order to gain funds, grants and sponsorships.

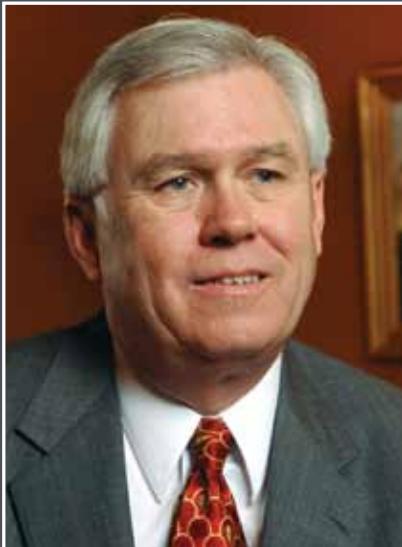
So please make an effort to give when you receive information in the mail or a telephone call from one of the Phonathon volunteers. If you would like to know how you can get involved with the Alumni Association, call the office or any of the board members.

**Jan Ingle ('85), President
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Brad Holmes, Sarah Beth Vandiver, Jan Ingle, Jerry White,
John Battcher, and Charles Inman

Not pictured: Lucy Trousdale, Pat Roden, Heath Trousdale, Reeda Lee, Janie Haygood, William Smith, and Mitch Dobbins



William G. Cale, Jr.

There's no escaping the fact that the economy is on everyone's mind. Whether it's the global recession or unemployment right here in the Shoals, none of us is immune from the consequences. With news last December about proration (which I learned early in my presidency is a fancy word for an across-the-board cut) in Alabama's education budget, I thought our alumni and friends would appreciate knowing how UNA is faring through it all. In short, all things considered, not too bad (so don't become discouraged as you read the middle of my letter).

Public universities across the state began this year with state budgets reduced by over 11 percent from last year. For UNA that was a loss of \$3.2 million. Then, in December, a budget proration was declared by Gov. Bob Riley, reducing our appropriation by another \$2.78 million, nearly \$6 million in all. In response we have implemented a budget plan that is strategic, that is, we did not engage in across-the-board cuts within the university. We made our principal goals preserving instructional integrity, avoiding layoffs, and protecting departmental operating budgets so that the core functions and forward progress of the university can continue. This is a plan that protects our students and their opportunity to receive the best possible educational experience.

Here's what we did: (*see box*)

What this means operationally is that funds budgeted for construction, deferred maintenance, and emergencies are eliminated. Some reserve funds are available in critical situations. Funds for new faculty and staff lines are eliminated; existing vacancies are frozen. The budget for new equipment and new technology

president's message **William G. Cale, Jr.**

is gone. Rolling unspent dollars forward encourages stewardship, and mitigates the impact of a further budget cut in Fiscal Year 2010. With the opportunity to adjust tuition in each of the next two years, coupled with the conservative use of some reserve dollars and without further economic deterioration, I feel quite confident that UNA will be fine in the coming months.

The plan has been well received and will serve us well. Still, it must be said that there are limits to how far cuts can go and how long they can last before the educational experience for students is harmed. There is a limit to how long one can actually defer maintenance, not purchase equipment and computers, not replace personnel, not buy supplies from a budget line, and not allow faculty to stay current through their own professional development. There are also limits to how long one can sustain a productive group of faculty and staff when there are no pay raises, and we must surely be concerned about the future as access to higher education becomes more and more difficult due to rising tuition costs. Constraints on hiring top faculty and administrators have their own long-term consequences.

Despite all that, it is impossible not to be optimistic about our future. The faculty and staff continue their work with the same sense of purpose and urgency that defines the UNA spirit. I am so proud of all they do. Look for a cellular and molecular biology program to initiate next fall. Watch for the arrival of Dr. Chunsheng Zhang, coming to us from the University of Oregon to be our Vice Provost for International Affairs. Be ready for football next season under the leadership of Coach Terry Bowden, and before that cheer on new Head Coach Mike Keehn and his nationally ranked baseball team. Know that Keller Hall will undergo a major renovation (from non-prorated funds) beginning in late spring, and that plans for a "black box theater" are literally on the drawing board. We are expanding the town/gown initiative through development of a comprehensive campus master plan, working with KPS group out of Birmingham, and with the City of Florence, to study opportunities for campus expansion and city development that will be mutually beneficial. So yes, indeed, we move actively ahead, even in difficult times. I hope you are as proud of your university as I am.

- Permit all unspent current year funds to roll forward in place to next year
- Eliminate all contingency and discretionary accounts
- Freeze open positions; presidential approval required to fill any vacancy
- Eliminate technology budget
- Eliminate non-technology equipment budget
- Use the Distance Learning Fee account to absorb two positions
- Place all continuing education personnel, selected business staff, and international support staff on appropriate auxiliary budgets
- Eliminate physical plant budget for supplies, equipment repair, building repair; replace on a critical needs basis from reserves
- Fund convocation, homecoming, and commencement from reserves
- Freeze unallocated athletic scholarships
- Reduce institutional equity training and speaker budget
- Allocate reserve dollars to cover essential unanticipated needs
- Prepare plans to implement a further 5 percent cut
- Inform all campus employees of our response to proration, and provide them the opportunity to ask questions and offer advice.

from the Board of Trustees

How Do You Stay Involved With Your Alma Mater?

One thing I do whenever I go into a restaurant or business and see someone of college age, is I inquire if they go to UNA. If they say yes, I ask them what brought them to our university, and what are they studying.

I hear a litany of answers from "I followed my girlfriend or boyfriend," "I'm from the area," to "It's the greatest distance I could get from home and my folks still pay the bill!" I even met one young lady from England who came here to play soccer, met a young man at UNA, got married to him and is now finishing her degree.

Some students return the curiosity and ask what I do at UNA. Most ask if I am a professor, which proves you do not have to look smart for people to think you are smart! When I tell them I am an alumnus, and now on the Board of Trustees, they are confused as to what a Board of Trustee member does. I try to explain, and most are still confused.

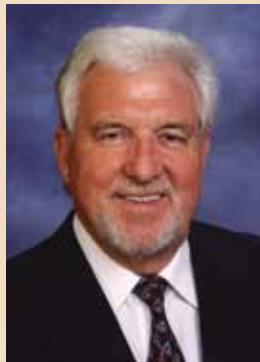
My attempts at explanation always end up with me telling them their college experience does not have to end just because they graduate. You need to become an active alumnus, get involved with the National Alumni Association.

I see many former students, especially tailgating, reliving their college days with friends. Many of them have children dressed up in UNA purple and gold.

The point is the University of North Alabama will always need your support. You are needed for your experience and resources so our alma mater continues to be one of the top rated regional universities in the country!

So if you are a graduate of the University of North Alabama, call the Alumni Office today and find out how you can make a difference in YOUR University.

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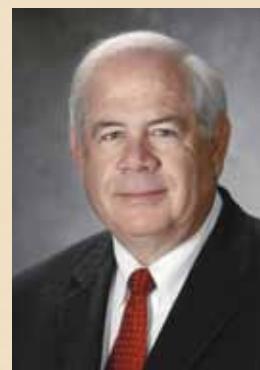
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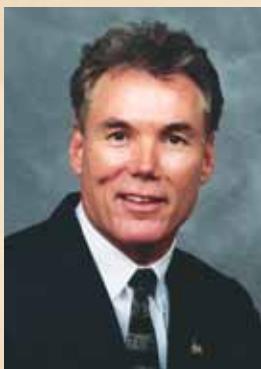
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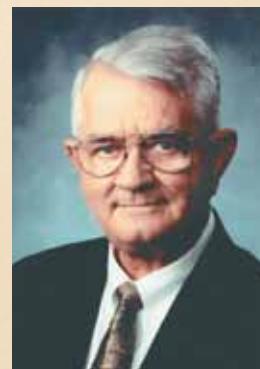
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Megan Gardner, a junior in culinary arts from Florence, is shown here making blueberry and strawberry fruit crunches for the open house. She said the reaction from guests was positive and, "We had a great turnout. I was really impressed how we all came together as a team."

What better time than the holidays to show off fantastic food and a brand new kitchen? Add in silvery, winter-themed decorations and you've got the recipe for a successful open house held in December at UNAs Culinary Arts Program on the East Campus.

"We set real high goals and expectations for the event. I thought it was very successful," said Jane Wilson, chair of the Department of Human Environmental Sciences. There were so many people to invite that they were divided into three groups and welcomed on Dec. 4, 6 and 7.

With background music provided by UNA student musicians and white lights twinkling, guests sampled a wide array of appetizers and desserts. There were tuna-filled phyllo-dough pastries, shrimp scampi, stuffed cucumbers, asparagus prosciutto and raspberry vinaigrette meatballs, to name a few appetizers. Desserts included baklava, cannoli, strawberries dipped in chocolate, truffles and cold raspberry soup.

All of the scrumptious goodies were prepared by the program's 24 culinary arts students.

"We got a lot of good feedback from people. I had several guests ask if we'd do a side gig catering for them," said Chef Johnson Ogun, director of the program and an associate professor.





Culinary Arts Program Has Tasteful Debut

By Cheryl N. Schmidt, contributing writer

Guests were also encouraged to tour the commercial kitchen with all-new equipment by Hobart Corporation, the world's leading supplier of food equipment to the foodservice and food retail industries.

Through the help of local Hobart agent Harold Lewis, UNA was able to acquire the state-of-the-art equipment at a significantly reduced cost.

Lewis said he became interested after UNA President William G. Cale, Jr. spoke at a Florence Rotary Club meeting about the vision for the Culinary Arts Program. Lewis, a former national sales manager for Hobart, said he thought he might be able to get a special price structure from the company. They responded generously, providing about \$380,000 worth of equipment for \$200,000, Lewis said.

At the Dec. 4 event, Ken McClellan, Hobart regional manager, also presented two \$500 scholarships to Lindsey Rhodes and Tara Hilliard, graduates of the Florence High School culinary program now studying at UNA.

"They truly are our first real partners. Hobart really came through for us," said Wilson. The program is looking for more partners and would like to encourage alumni and other community members to come forward.

The state's only four-year degree program with a culinary arts concentration, the program started in June 2007 and is housed in the former Powell Elementary School, which UNA bought in 2006.

Further construction and renovation is planned at the building, Wilson said, including a student dining area, administrative space, classrooms and a cooking demonstration area, where guest chefs could give food exhibitions.

Though the building is still institutional looking, during the open house it was transformed into a contemporary fine-dining establishment by UNA students majoring in interior design.

Dwight Bunn, associate professor of interior design and Dhrumil Patel, assistant professor of interior design, worked with the students on the breathtaking décor.

White and silver were the main colors used, Bunn said, with a splash of purple for UNA. The focal point of the main room was a table with a large vase filled with white roses, white lilies, white and glittery tree limbs and silver balls. In a hallway outside, the students set up a contemporary seating area with large photos from the culinary program on the wall. The result was an entryway "like one would see at a fine restaurant," Bunn said.

Kyle Ogden, a culinary arts student, prepared food and helped serve all three days and said the public praised the food and the atmosphere.

"They were pretty surprised by how big the kitchen is. There's some cool equipment there that I haven't seen anywhere else," said Ogden, who transferred to UNA after first majoring in Hotel and Restaurant Management at Auburn. His goal is to work in a restaurant environment as an executive chef or own his own restaurant.

Wilson said UNA's program is unique in that in addition to food preparation, the curriculum has business and management components that prepare students to run restaurants, not just create and execute menus.

Previously Alabama students interested in the culinary arts had one in-state option: Culinard, the Culinary Institute of Virginia College located in Birmingham, which had limited enrollment and high costs, Wilson said.

"Our students never really had the opportunity to stay in state until now," Wilson said, "This program has so much potential for UNA and for our department."



ALUMNI OF THE YEAR



MR. WELDON COLE



BLAST from the PAST

At Weldon Cole's first job out of college, for Price Waterhouse & Co. in New York City, he found himself working among graduates of Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other storied institutions.

Cole, one of three UNA Alumni of the Year for 2008, had received his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from UNA in 1960 and also earned an MBA at the University of Alabama before going to work. He didn't feel intimidated by the Ivy Leaguers at Price Waterhouse, Cole told a UNA crowd at the Alumni Awards Banquet in October. On the contrary, he felt prepared to compete.

He recalled one particular meeting where, "The CEO and I were discussing something with a contemporary from MIT and Harvard. It was obvious he was lost in the discussion - and it was just as obvious I wasn't."

His education at UNA had given him the foundation he needed to succeed, Cole said.

In the 39-year professional career that followed, Cole worked as a manager and executive with several national and international companies including Albany International Corp., Beloit Corporation and The Continental Can Company. For most of that time, he and his wife, Delores, lived in the area around metropolitan New York, but they also spent time in Wisconsin, Chicago, and Baltimore.

After Cole's retirement in 1998 from the position of Senior Vice President Administration and Development with Albany International, the couple settled in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"We always wanted to come back to Alabama," Cole said recently,

because of its beauty and because it is home – both he and Delores grew up in the small town of Addison, in Winston County, about 70 miles southeast of Florence.

He was raised on a family farm and Delores was a "townie," Cole said. They knew each other during childhood and married when she was 19 and he was 21. That was right after he returned from serving two years in Germany in the U.S. Army.

They headed to Florence where Delores had already been attending classes at what was then Florence State College. "I came here in 1957 with the GI Bill, a 1953 Chevy Impala and a brand new bride, the love of my life," Cole told the alumni banquet audience.

After 51 years of marriage, he's proud to say Delores is still the love of his life. One of their shared interests these days is leading a Sunday school class for young married couples at their church in Tuscaloosa.

"We want them to be married 51 years too," Cole said.

They don't mind admitting that in their case they "just plunged in," to marriage. And maybe that's not such a bad way to start. That way "you don't have anything to do but stick together and work things out."

Cole, 72, did some business consulting after retirement and now keeps busy volunteering with civic organizations. He is chairman of the West Alabama Chapter of the Alexis De Tocqueville Society, an arm of the United Way that emphasizes preparing children for school. And he is incoming president of the foundation for the DCH hospital system in Tuscaloosa.

"We're building a cancer treatment center and we're raising money to do

that," so the coming months will be filled with meetings and fundraisers.

The Coles also believe in giving back to the institutions that helped with their successes and have started endowment funds at both UNA and UA.

Receiving the UNA Alumni of the Year recognition was a surprise, Cole said, even though he knew he was nominated.

"There are so many capable people who have graduated from the university and so many who have worked so long and so hard for the university. It's a great honor to be chosen. You just hope that you justify the honor."

The Homecoming Weekend activities were wonderful, Cole said, and it was truly a homecoming for the Coles, who had only made it back to the UNA campus once during the 39 years they were away from Alabama.

"We regretted that and that was one of the nice things about moving back to Alabama in December of 2000," Cole said. "We have been able to visit UNA several times. Oh what a beautiful campus," Cole said. "Of course it was lovely before, but with the fountain, new buildings and landscaping, everything looks great."

By Cheryl N. Schmidt, contributing writer



BLAST from the PAST

NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HONORS

Homecoming provides a great opportunity for the University and the National Alumni Association to recognize Alumni and friends who have excelled in their field. Homecoming 2008 celebrated a *Blast from the Past* with a full slate of activities from Oct. 21 through Oct. 26.

Congratulations from the University to the Alumni of the Year

award winners. These are the highest honors granted to graduates of this University. We are proud of the outstanding accomplishments of these alumni and the collective honors they have received in their profession.

THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

AWARD was created in 1997 to recognize and honor alumni or non-alumni who have made a significant difference on this campus. We cannot adequately embrace or express our gratitude to these mentors; we can only thank them once more (a permanent location in our Alumni Victory Garden is reserved for the LAA winners).

GRADY LILES

"Bloom where you are planted" is a common expression that fits Grady Liles



perfectly. Liles has spent a lifetime promoting and driving community spirit. Although never a student, or alumni, or a vested member of the University staff, he has been a significant donor,

player, and cheerleader of all aspects of UNA Athletics. A member of the UNA Sportsman's Club for 33 years, Liles has served as President for 31 years. He was a key figure in bringing the NCAA Division II championship game to the Shoals and putting the Shoals in the National spotlight. He has chaired the Shoals National Championship Committee for 23 years and has served as president of the National Harlon Hill Award Committee since it was created in 1986. Liles has been inducted into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame, has received the Shoals Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award and received at UNA the Honorary Degree Doctor of Humane Letters. He has taken the lead in building a strong support organization for the UNA athletic department. He is married to Shirley Hendrix Liles.

THE PROMISING ALUMNI AWARDS are selected by UNA faculty and staff who nominate seniors excelling in leadership, scholastics, character, service, and potential. We are extremely proud of their undergraduate service to the University and believe they will be outstanding alumni leaders in the future!

Justin "Bishop" Alexander is a senior from Fulton, Miss. majoring in History with a minor in Political Science. Alexander is currently the President of UNA College Republicans. He served as SGA President and was named the 2007 Homecoming King. He is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Emily Jill Anderton is a senior completing her student teaching. She is an Elementary Education major from Florence. Anderton was a member of the Pride of Dixie Marching Band serving as head Lionette. She is a member of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society and Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She is also the President of Kappa Delta Pi, an education honor society.

Winn L. Brewer is a senior from Collinwood, Tenn., obtaining a Communications degree in Radio/Television/Film. Brewer is the current SGA President, the Vice President of Lambda Pi Eta, he received the 2007-2008 Undergraduate Service Award, and is a member of Delta Chi fraternity.

Kiaire Marie Harris is a senior majoring in Computer Information Systems. From Hazel Green, Ala., Harris is a member of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, Leadership UNA, SGA and is a Resident's Assistant.

William Benjamin Hodes a senior from Trinity, Ala., is majoring in Public Relations with a minor in Political Science. Hodes is the President of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi and is the LaGrange Society Co-Captain.

Alan Jacob "A.J." Milwee is a senior from Boaz, Ala., and is majoring in Financial and Banking Services. Milwee has played football at UNA for four consecutive years – receiving National and GSC Player of the Week honors. He was a finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy.

Katherine Rolf is a senior from Athens, Ala., majoring in Public Relations. She is a member of LaGrange Society, Alpha Delta Chi Sorority, Alpha Lambda Delta and Gamma Beta Phi Honor Societies.

James Harold Sandlin, III is a senior from Florence majoring in Public Communication. Sandlin is the Vice President of Delta Chi Fraternity, President of Lambda Pi Eta, a member of Delta Epsilon Iota and is a Flor-Ala Staff Writer.

George Russell Sherill a senior from Lutts, Tenn., is majoring in Entertainment Industry Management with a minor in Public Relations. Sherill is a recipient of the Undergraduate Service Award and the Contribution to Campus Life Award. He is also a member of LaGrange Society and Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

THE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD is most appropriate considering the University's long-standing reputation as an outstanding institution for teacher education and administration. The institution that is UNA was originally named a state normal school, became a state teachers college and ultimately a fine institute of Higher Education. You will see from this distinguished group of first-year award winners that this honor covers the gamut from administration in both K-12 education and higher education, to spreading positive influence from students to teachers to campuses everywhere.

JOE BREWER

Joe Brewer graduated in **1955** from Florence State Teachers College with a major in Mathematics and went on to a career in education and service. For over 50 years, Brewer has mesmerized his students with his unique ability to make mathematics come to life.



Beginning his teaching career at Coffee High School in 1956, he also began his other love, coaching. In 1966, when the Florence community opened a second high school, he became the first principal at Bradshaw High School. Retiring after 20 years he returned to teaching Calculus at Mars Hill Bible School. When he announced his retirement, an anonymous alumnus who had been touched by his kindness and his skills, honored him with a scholarship in his name. A FSTC athletic Superstar, Brewer was inducted into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995. Brewer is married to Dot Miller Brewer and is the father of two sons and has four granddaughters.

WILLIAM "BUTCH" STANPHILL

William "Butch" Stanphill ('70 & '76) graduated from UNA with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and a Master's degree in Administration and Supervision. Stanphill has 37 years of experience at the elementary, high school, and college level, including 30 years as Director of



Campus Recreation at three Universities. Currently the Senior Director of Campus Life at Clemson University, Stanphill oversees the operations of comprehensive campus recreation programs and oversees the University Unions as well as leading the development of a \$60 million student union. Stanphill retired in 2003 as Director of Campus Recreation at Georgia Institute of Technology. While at Georgia Tech, he was the Venue Manager for Aquatic Events for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. He was Administrator of the Year in 1985 and 1999 and the direct liaison on a multimillion dollar expansion on the Tech campus. He currently makes his home in Seneca, S.C. with his wife, Tricia.

RON WRIGHT

Ron Wright ('70 & '73) graduated from UNA and later that same day he married **Susan Hatfield, ('73)**. After serving in the U.S. Army, he returned to UNA to earn his teacher certification and a Master's degree. Anyone who knows Wright knows of his love of education and of



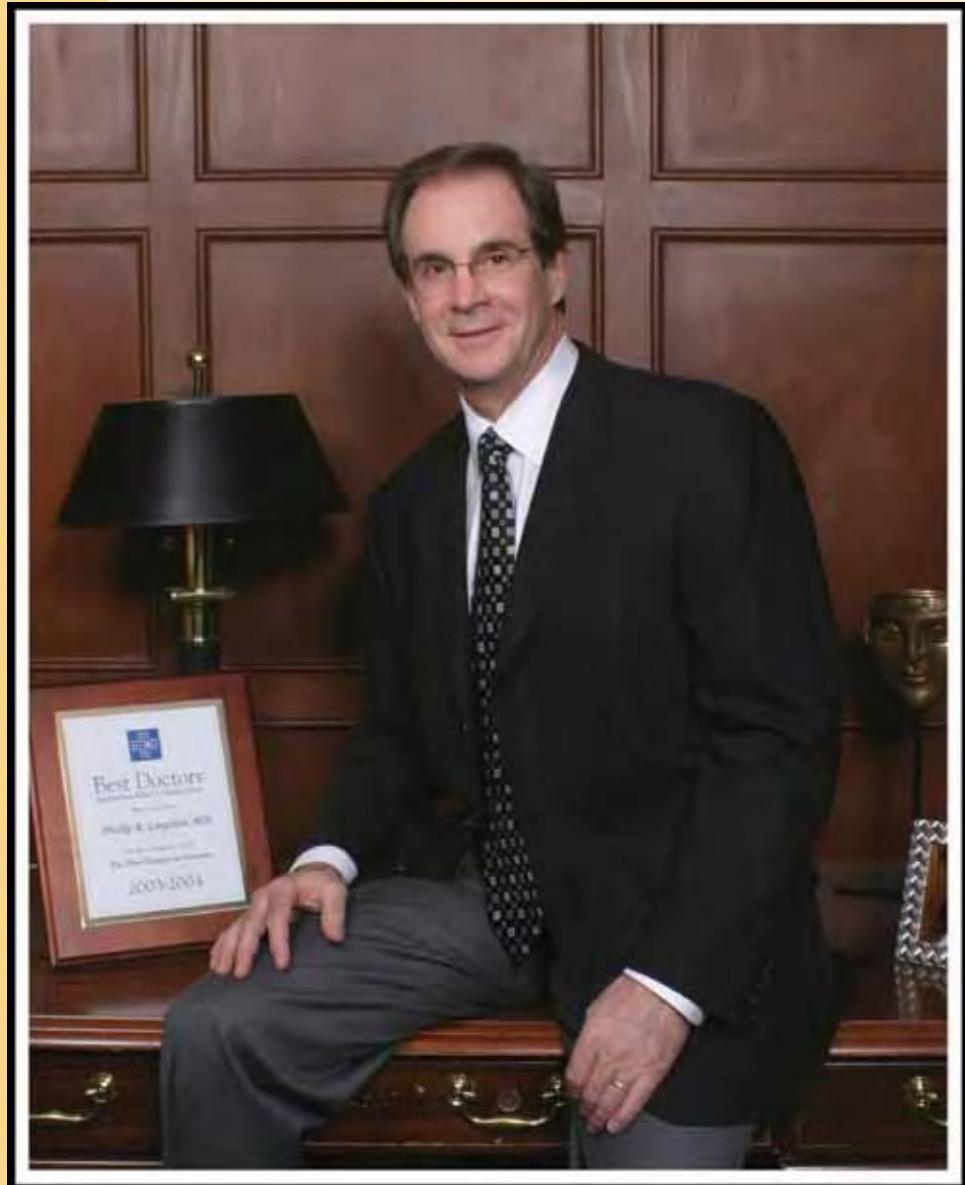
UNA. After receiving his doctorate from Auburn University, he became assistant director of the Learning Resources Center and an instructor at Auburn until he was employed by the Alabama State Department of Education. In that position he helped introduce computer technology and instructional software in K-12 classrooms across the state. To increase students' access to technology, he helped school systems apply for federal funds, and in the first year, Alabama was second in the nation in per capita federal E-Rate dollars (\$13 million). He represented Alabama on numerous national committees to incorporate technology and instruct teachers in integrating technology and he co-authored the first National Technology Plan. Wright retired in 2007, after 37 years, but continues to teach current and future teachers to use technology to motivate and teach students in Alabama. He and his wife, Susan, live in Montgomery and enjoy spending time with their two children and four grandchildren.



PROMISING ALUMNI

James Harold Sandlin, III, Katherine Rolf, Emily Jill Anderton, Justin "Bishop" Alexander, Winn L. Brewer, Kieaire Marie Harris, William Benjamin Hodges, Alan Jacob "A.J." Milwee, and George Russell Sherill, left to right.

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR



DR. PHILLIP R. LANGSDON



BLAST from the PAST

Facial plastic surgeon and 2008 Alumni of the Year Dr. Phillip R. Langsdon ('75) said there are three very special things the University of North Alabama did for him.

The first was helping him find himself. He was raised in Osceola, Ark., attended high school at a military academy in Tennessee and came to UNA to play football, which he did his freshman year. As he attended classes and began to feel at home on campus, "it just helped me find out who I was.

"Being at an institution where you can feel a part of something helps you come into your own. It helped me realize that I had as much potential as anybody else," Langsdon said.

When Langsdon graduated from UNA with a degree in biology, he was on his way to becoming either a dentist or a doctor and he eventually became a doctor who specializes in cosmetic and facial reconstructive surgery.

At the Alumni Awards Banquet in October, Langsdon talked about finding himself at UNA and also finding many friends, who are the second special thing he acquired at the university.

They became an important part of his life. Many he met at his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, and others he met in classes. "It is unbelievable after 30 some odd years that we're still close. That is a wonderful gift," Langsdon said.

And thirdly, of course, he received a high-quality education.

"The quality of the education that I had here couldn't be surpassed anywhere. I couldn't have been better prepared to go out and compete in medical school and my residency and in my medical career."

When he started his medical

education at the University of Arkansas, "I couldn't make the top grade on every test, but I did on some of them," Langsdon said.

Medical school was also a great experience because it is where he met his wife, Carol, who was studying to be a nurse practitioner. They married in 1983 and have four children, three daughters and a son, ranging in age from 23 to 16.

Carol works with him at the Langsdon Clinic, a private practice in Memphis, Tenn., where the family has lived for nearly 23 years. "We've worked together all these years and it has worked out real well," Langsdon said. They share an interest in medicine and in making their patients happy, he said.

Langsdon, 55, also serves as chief of the Division of Facial Plastic Surgery in the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. Two mornings a week he works with medical residents in the trauma center of the Regional Medical Center where they help patients injured in car accidents, by gunshot, or suffering other face and neck damage.

"Unfortunately, we do see some bad things here," Langsdon said, but he's found teaching residents very rewarding.

They clearly appreciate his dedication and recognized him in 2002 by giving him the "Resident Teaching Award."

Langsdon is active in community and statewide civic and medical volunteer efforts in the Memphis area. He was an initial founding director of Renasant Bank of Memphis in 1999 and still serves as a director.

He is a volunteer physician at the Church Health Center in Memphis where he offers free care to the

working poor in his surgical specialty.

Langsdon is the author of several medical publications and one 435-page textbook: "Tennessee, A Political History." He said his interest in history began when he had to take a course at UNA and took it from Dr. Robert C. Bowles who was "a wonderful teacher, I was mesmerized by his lectures."

Langsdon said he gets back to the UNA campus about twice a year to work with his fraternity alumni association. Pi Kappa Alpha presented Langsdon with the Alumni of the Year Award three times – in 1978, 2003 and 2004 - and in 2008 gave him the Paul E. Jones III Outstanding Leadership Award. The award goes to an alumnus who shows an enthusiastic and zealous spirit of leadership.

Langsdon is just as enthusiastic about UNA, which he called a fantastic school with a stunning campus. "My dream would be to come down there and teach – if I can ever retire.

"A lot of people don't know about UNA, people need to find out about it. I'm truly honored to be named an Alumni of the Year, and I'm humbled too."

Langsdon said being back on campus for the Alumni of the Year events was fun and he was able to see a lot of old friends. He hopes those who couldn't make it to Homecoming will look him up sometime at drlangsdon.com.

By Cheryl N. Schmidt, contributing writer

THE FACULTY/STAFF SERVICE AWARDS are presented to successful alumni among peers on this campus. These award winners possess far-reaching, long-term involvement and influence with students, organizations and colleagues at the University. They are considered mentors by those around them. We are proud that they consider UNA their home.

TODD VARDAMAN

Todd Vardaman is a **1990** Radio/Television/Film major. He has been employed at UNA since 1993 when he began working as Assistant Sports Information Director. In 2000, he became the University Ticket Manager and now serves as Executive Director of the UNA Sportsman's Club. He works with the Lion Alliance corporate partner program to raise funds for Lion Athletics. Vardaman is a member of the Shoals National Championship Game Committee Board of Directors, is NCAA Division II Championships Game Day Ticket Manager, assists with the Harlon Hill Banquet and Trophy Presentation and is a 2006 Graduate of the Leadership Shoals program. He is married to **Didi Vardaman ('93)** and is the father of two sons.



LLOYD JONES III

Lloyd Jones III ('92, '96 & '98) is a native of Montgomery, Ala. He earned a BFA in Graphic Design, BMEd in Music Education, and an MA in Music Education from UNA and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Music Education at Auburn University. Jones has been involved with

UNA for over 20 years as a performer, a graduate assistant, the assistant director of bands, and for nine years, director of bands. The "Pride of Dixie" has grown more than 30 percent since he took over the program and currently fields 212 members. He has served as an adjudicator and clinician at numerous contests, festivals, and honor bands throughout Alabama and Tennessee, and he conducted at the Alabama Bandmasters All-State Band Clinic in 2007. He is an active music arranger and show designer for over 50 universities and high schools in the Southeast and Mid-Western United States. He is a member of the Music Educators National Conference, the Alabama Music Educators Association, and the Alabama Bandmasters Association. Jones credits the success of the UNA Band program to the quality of students the program attracts. He is married to **Amy Gist Jones ('00)** and they make their home in Greenhill, Ala., with their 4-year-old twins Edward and Katherine.



SHANNON WELLS

Shannon Wells ('05) is the official University Photographer and has been shooting pictures for 32 years. She holds a BFA from UNA, graduating in 2005. Wells began taking photographs at UNA 18 years ago. She not only teaches student photographers but also teaches

photography in UNA's Continuing Education program. She has been the official photographer as well as this year's photo editor for LOOK3, an international photography festival in Charlottesville, Va., partnered by Apple and National Geographic. In previous years, she and her husband spent vacation weeks volunteering to cook meals, haul equipment, pull weeds, lay stones, and calm nerves, for the many "backyard slide shows" leading up to the creation of LOOK3. With the assistance of the University, she found a way to provide scholarships for UNA student photographers to attend the 2007-08 LOOK3 festival. She encourages entrance in and helps organize photography exhibits for UNA student photographers, and is often a guest speaker on photography at community clubs or a judge for city and state photography exhibits. Wells is the mother of five children and is married to videographer, Mike Hollander.



THE FRIEND OF THE UNIVERSITY AWARD honors non-alumni who promote the mission of the University by their donation of time, resources, attitude, and energy. Their work is a labor of love. They are patrons, silently seeking to select deserving causes and special interests where they can share their expertise and talents.

ERNEST BORGnine

The Collier Library Archives at the University of North Alabama holds the personal collection of scripts from renowned actor Ernest Borgnine. These original leather bound scripts include more than 100 movies and numerous television shows



from 1949 to 1999. The scripts span the long and distinguished career of Borgnine and include the script for the screen adaptation of "Marty" which earned him an Academy Award for Best Actor in 1955. Among the other scripts in the collection are those for "From Here To Eternity" (1953), "The Dirty Dozen" (1967), "The Wild Bunch" (1969) and "The Poseidon Adventure" (1972). Television scripts include the series "McHale's Navy" (1960s), "Little House on the Prairie" (1974), and "Airwolf"

(1984). Borgnine became acquainted with the University of North Alabama through his friendship with fellow actor George Lindsey. His fondness for the University and its students prompted him to donate his scripts to UNA where they could be studied by future film students. Borgnine officially presented the scripts to the University in 1999.

THE MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS recognize the best of the best. These are the men and women from our armed services who have chosen careers dedicated to the service of our country and to the protection of each one of us. They are our American heroes!

COLONEL PAUL REVERE O'MARY

Colonel Paul Revere O'Mary graduated from FSTC in **1952**. After serving as an enlisted soldier, he attended college, acquired a Regular Army Commission, and re-entered the Army as an officer. He saw combat in both the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War and served three years as

Instructor of Leadership at Fort Benning, Ga. O'Mary served in the Berlin Brigade and nine years in the Washington D.C. area as an assignment officer and with the Army General Staff and Joint Chief of Staff. He served as Military Aide to President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon during visits of foreign chiefs of state. He ended his military career in 1978 as Professor of Military Science at the University of Alabama. O'Mary established the American Patriotism Association, a not-for-profit corporation to promote and serve honorable principles and causes for which America stands. He is the author of a book entitled "God and Country FOREVER", a former member of the UNA President's Cabinet, and has his name emblazed in the ROTC Memorial Garden. He is married to Jane O'Mary and they have three daughters.



COLUMBUS "BUCK" WOMBLE

Brigadier General Columbus "Buck" Womble ('63) entered the U.S. Army after being commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the ROTC program. He attended Airborne and Ranger schools. Womble served in Vietnam; duties included Battery Commander and subsequently as an Operations Officer for the 54th Field Artillery Group. He attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff school and the U.S. Army War College. At the height of the Cold War, Womble commanded in Fort Lewis, Wash., and in Germany. In 1990, he was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned as Chief of Staff 1st U.S. Corps, Fort Lewis, and then transferred to the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii, as an Assistant Division Commander. He completed his career in 1994 with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington D.C., as the Assistant Deputy Director of Operations. Following his assignment to Korea, Womble was assigned to Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Ala., with duties as Commander and Aide-de-Camp. Womble and his wife, Cindy, have two daughters and two grandsons and live in Cumming, Ga.

TROY OLIVER

After graduation from Florence State College in **1965**, **General Troy Oliver** entered the Army at Fort Benning, Ga., where he attended basic service schools of Combat Platoon Leaders Course and Airborne training. He attended Jungle operations training in the Panama Canal Zone. He

was assigned as Company commander of a 230 Basic Training Company at Fort Benning and found himself in Vietnam commanding a 44-man Infantry platoon with the First Infantry Division. When he returned from Vietnam, he joined the National Guard in Russellville, Ala. His military career lasted for 34 years where he attained the rank of General. He served as company commander, Operations officer, Executive officer, and Battalion Commander in the 115th Signal Battalion Headquarters. His awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman's badge, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with "V" device, Purple Heart, Army commendation medal and 14 other service and achievement decorations. Continuing his business career, after working four years with a CPA firm, Oliver was employed by and became president of Tidwell Industries in Haleyville, Ala. He organized and started Crimson Industries and was President and CEO of it until it was sold in 2000. He was recently elected Mayor of Russellville. He is married to UNA Alumnae, **Brenda Thornton ('68)**. They have three children and reside in Russellville.

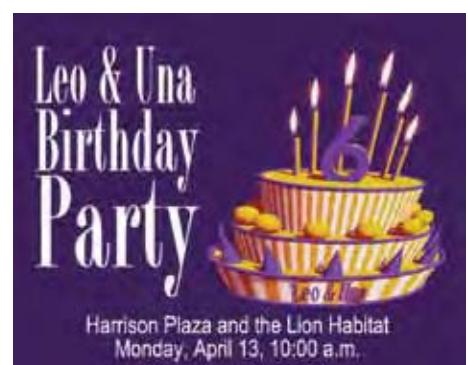


DENISE SEAGRAVES

Even though Sodexho has a contractual agreement with the University of North Alabama and provides food service to our students, faculty, staff, and guests, Catering Manager Denise Seagraves is still a university employee and a stellar one at that. Seagraves sets



the standard for great customer service and establishes the atmosphere and the attitude of her staff. She helps to find those special touches of class or sass for each event. Seagraves is originally from Commerce, Ga., where her family has a Bakery and Catering Service "Seagraves Sweet Shop." She is married to Tim Seagraves and they have a son, T.J., who is now attending UNA. Seagraves has been with Sodexho for 15 years and has been the catering and retail manager for the last seven years.



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ALUMNI OF THE YEAR



MRS. JEAN SCHULMAN



BLAST from the PAST

Renowned artist and educator Jean Schulman has received many honors in her 40-year career, including having pieces of her clay-pigmented batiks placed in the Smithsonian Institution and being recognized in Alabama and nationally as an outstanding retired art educator.

Now she can add 2008 UNA Alumni of the Year to her resume.

"After the initial shock I began to think of what UNA has meant to me and I realized that it actually changed my life," Schulman told those attending the Alumni Awards Banquet.

While being recognized along with the other 2008 recipients during October homecoming activities, Schulman talked about the unusual route she took to her careers as artist, lecturer and educator.

The native of Athens, Ala., who was raised in Russellville, developed an early interest in designing clothes and started making paper doll dresses at a young age. Her parents sacrificed to help their only child realize her dream and sent her to Washington University in St. Louis to study fashion design during World War II.

"I have to give them so much credit. I was 16 when I went off to college and those were rough times. My mother even went to work in the library to get me enough money for school," Schulman said.

Then all her plans changed. In her last semester in college she met Stan Schulman, an accountant from Washington D.C. They soon married and instead of heading to New York for further fashion studies, the Schulmans headed to Russellville and started a family.

They ended up living in Florence and raising three sons. Schulman decided she'd like to teach art and

started working on getting her teaching certification at UNA. Ultimately, she earned a Master of Fine Arts in Education in 1975, with majors in Art and English.

With her bachelor's degree from Washington University, "I wanted to teach art but in order to become a certified teacher I had to do student teaching," she said. Since there weren't any art programs in the schools she could student-teach at, "I had to go back and get a major in English," Schulman said.

Her next hurdle was finding a job. "I went to two or three places and they all offered me jobs teaching English and I didn't want to teach English," Schulman recalled. Finally, in 1964, the principal at Muscle Shoals High School decided he wanted to start an art program and gave Schulman a chance. She stayed 22 years.

"I loved teaching from the very first day and it was really exciting to set up our program in Muscle Shoals.

"Muscle Shoals wanted an art program and they remained loyal to that program through thick and thin. And if you remember, back then there were a lot of thin days," Schulman said.

The program is still there and is now taught by one of Schulman's former students, Ronnie Riner, who she called "an amazing teacher."

Schulman also pushed for art programs in other Shoals area schools and continues her commitment to the area art community. She attends National Art Education Association conferences every year partly so she can learn about the latest techniques and bring that information back to Shoals art teachers and students.

As for her own personal art - using earth dyes derived exclusively from colored clays on batiks - UNA also

changed her life in that regard when Schulman found her artistic medium while giving a batik demonstration in a class taught by a friend at UNA.

Some students had brought in colored clay and Schulman wondered what would happen if she put the clay on fabric. "It wiped me out. It was just unbelievable when I saw the colors and compared them to synthetic dyes. And most of those clays were from Franklin County, right from Russellville where I came from."

Since she retired from teaching in 1986, Schulman has been able to devote more time to her art and she still travels and researches new clay sites in the Southeast. Her art continues to evolve.

"I'm still learning all the time," said the 81-year-old, "I'm doing some new things now that I've never done before with clay crayons."

After an award-laden 2008, this Alumna of the Year isn't slowing down. Said Schulman, "I never want to feel like I'm continuing to do the same thing year after year. That's not me."

By Cheryl N. Schmidt, contributing writer

THE SERVICE AWARDS for extraordinary service to their community, the National Alumni Association recognizes model citizens who have given long-term involvement professionally and are volunteers to the communities in which they live. Already applauded locally, we take great pride in thanking them from the University of North Alabama. You, as alumni, are our greatest assets.

EDDIE TEASE

Eddie Tease graduated from UNA in 1961 and from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1964. Tease served as the presiding judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit of Alabama from 1971-1989. Currently, he is the United States Administrative Law Judge. He received the

Alumni of the Year award from UNA in 1975. Tease has been an active leader in community service in Florence. He is a Board member of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, and past chairman of the city committee to construct the Florence Conference Center. A servant leader, he is past president of the Alabama Association of Circuit Judges and the Lauderdale County Bar Association. He is married to **Anne Gilley Tease ('70)** and they are the parents of two daughters and have one granddaughter.



LINDA LEATHERS

Linda Leathers ('88) is the founding executive Director and CEO of The Next Door, a non-profit organization incorporated in 2002 to meet the needs of women re-entering society from incarceration. Its mission is to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of women in

crisis. A 16,000-square-foot building in the heart of downtown Nashville was renovated and opened to the women in 2004. To date, more than 52 women have been helped and comforted by the comprehensive supportive service for those struggling with addiction, behavioral health issues, history of trauma and criminal history. The Next Door won the national video competition sponsored by the White House Office of faith based and community initiatives in 2008. Leathers is active in local and state efforts focused on corrections and re-entry. She has been a featured speaker nationwide on issues of women in addiction. She met then-President George W. Bush and shared with him about the transformation taking place in the lives of the women at The Next Door. She is a Management and Public relations major from UNA and received a Masters in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



ANDY MORRIS

Andy Morris ('76) is the Executive Director of International World Changers Organization administered through the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The lasting legacy of his life, work, and ministry will be mobilizing students and adults

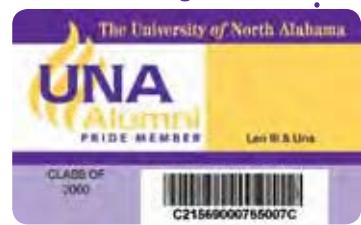
to impact the lives of others. His desire to serve others appears to be the prime reason for the overwhelming success of that program, which has more than 22,000 students in service to others all across the globe. Morris' mission is to direct the work of a faith-based, non-profit organization that is helping to meet the needs of individuals and communities by impacting housing redevelopment challenges in neighborhoods all across the United States. The community service award is a small way of recognizing his vision and dedication of service to others. Since its inception in 2003 and as Executive Director of Serve Management Group, Morris has enlisted and coordinated the work of more than 35,000 volunteers who have worked on substandard homes both internationally and in the U.S. After Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast they mobilized more than 3,000 volunteers. Morris played football at UNA, where he met and married his wife, **Pamela Morris ('75)**. They live in Cumming, Ga.



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UNA ALUMNI NEWS

GREATER BIRMINGHAM AREA SCHOLARSHIP

We are in the preparation stages for our Inaugural Greater Birmingham Area Scholarship Dinner to be held on Monday evening, May 11. Coach Terry Bowden will be the speaker for the evening. As a part of the effort to raise \$100,000 in scholarship funds for students in the Birmingham area, a select group of alumni will be added as the "Lead List" for the foundation of that scholarship effort. We would like to offer a challenge from the inaugural donors to other Birmingham alumni and challenge other alumni in other cities to do the same.

Coming to your area!  The Bowden Express

Coach Terry Bowden

May 11 Birmingham @ The Club

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

May 12 Montgomery, Auburn, Dothan @ RSA Activities Center

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

May 13 Decatur @ Decatur Country Club

Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

Register online @ una.edu/alumni or 256-765-4201

The **PRIDE OF DIXIE BAND** is getting a new look
from SPATS to HATS

Melody A. Stewart ('06), Director of Annual Giving
Pride of Dixie Member 2002-2006

Did you notice the percussionists on the sidelines in all black? This was due to a lack of uniforms. As the band and University continue to grow, there has become a need for new and additional uniforms. Going with the University's new brand and logo, it is time the Pride of Dixie continues its legacy of making history! We ask you to support the Pride of Dixie by stepping up and participating in the Spats to Hats Fund Drive. You may purchase an entire uniform, Spats to Hats, for \$350. This can be paid in full, or pledged over a four-month period at \$87.50 per month. *STEP UP and dress the PRIDE OF DIXIE from SPATS to HATS!* For additional details, visit www.una.edu/annual-giving or contact the Office of Annual Giving at (256) 765-5080.

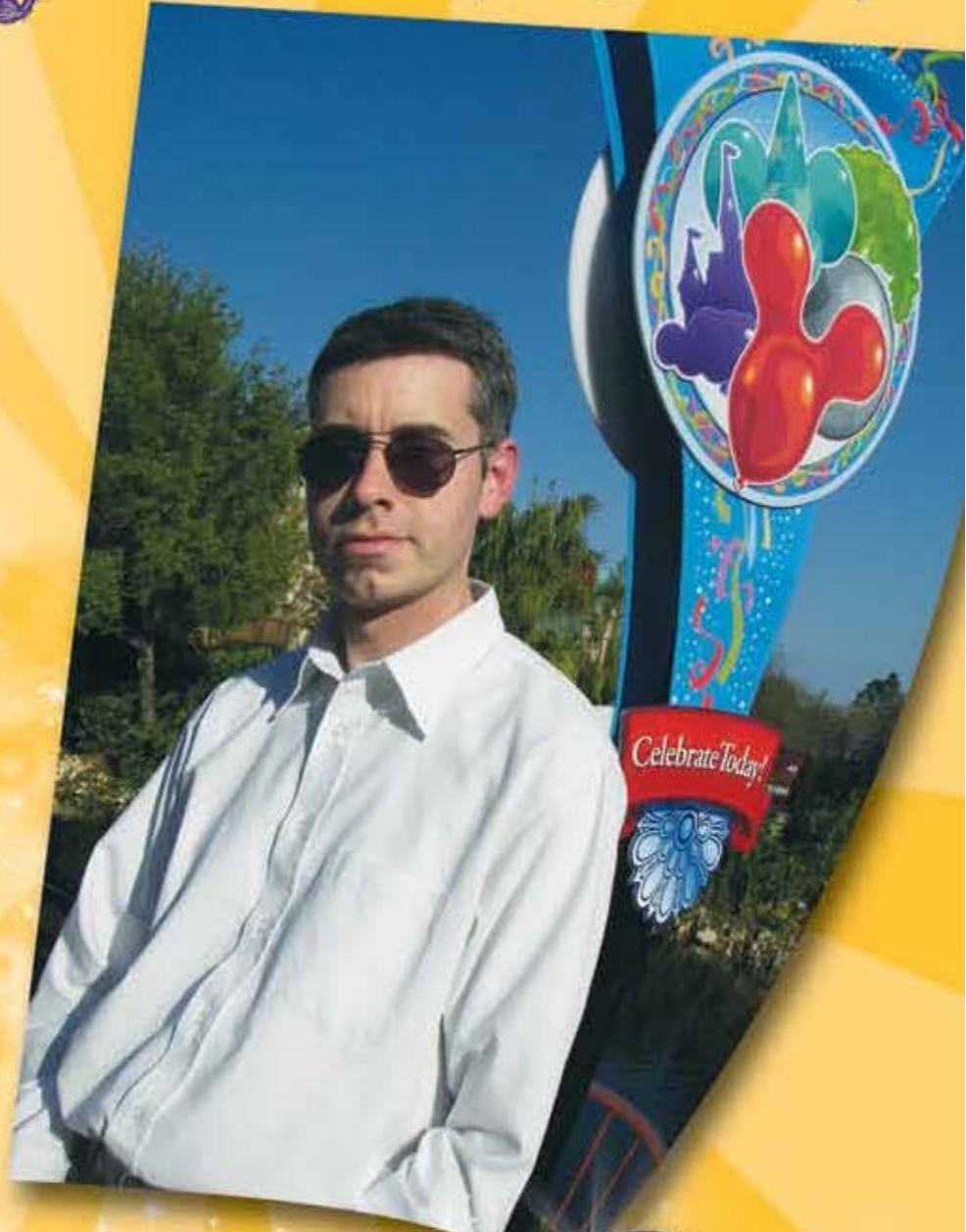


It's Really a Mickey Mouse Job

Walt Vandiver ('01) began as a student at the University of North Alabama in 1998 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Art. It was a year later (spring of '02) that Walt moved to Florida and began work as a Walt Disney World Cast Member. He started work at EPCOT as a Merchandise Cast Member and was there until 2003 when he moved to the Disney-MGM Studios theme park, now called Disney's Hollywood Studios. In January 2004, he was hired to work with the Show Artist team and worked under the Disney Design Group, the art department that is responsible for creating the merchandise you see that is sold in the stores. He sketches different Disney characters which are sold in the shops at Disney's Hollywood Studios. Walt also creates character watches where he draws the character and then reduces that image and places it on the dial of a watch to make a personalized character watch for the guest buying it. Additionally, he also creates "limited edition" watches. He turns these ideas in to Disney Design Group (DDG) and makes any changes they call for until final approval is made. One of the limited editions that he created and is very excited and pleased with was for the 2006 Star Wars Weekends, an annual event at Disney's Hollywood Studios.

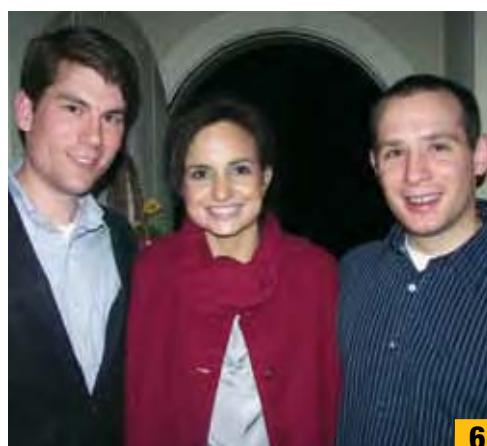
We are happy to announce to you that Walt Vandiver is currently designing a new "Leo" image for the University of North Alabama. He continues working full time with Disney, but is a UNA alumni artist-in-action creating a new family of mascot memorabilia. He is developing a caricature of the UNA Lion Mascot and his sidekick, Una. Preliminary drawings are exciting and we look forward to presenting the complete new "Leo look" to you in 2009. This gives us Something to ROAR About.

If you played the role of Leo or Leona while you were a student at UNA (or at FSTC) please inform us so that we may tag your files and invite you to a reunion event planned for you during 2009 Homecoming.





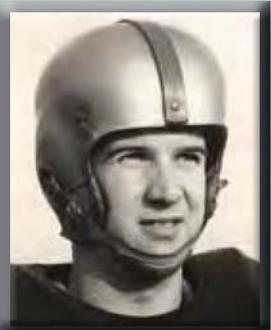
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2. Auburn Alumni Charles Bruce ('68), James Langcuster ('82), Warren McCord ('64), Charles Martin ('87), and Mitch Emmons ('79)
3. Tuscaloosa Alumni Weldon Cole ('60), Betty Mosley ('60), Joe Mosley ('60), and Delores Cole ('58)
4. Music Alumni Melissa Lindley ('92)
5. Chattanooga Alumni Sandra Boyles ('75), Terry & Camilla Moore ('71), and Ed Boyles ('70)
6. Birmingham Alumni Clifford Drouet ('04), and Tyler with Brian Neporady ('04)
7. Tuscaloosa Alumni Sue Parker ('68) and Sandra Dockery
8. Music Alumni Sid Hearn ('97) and Lloyd Jones ('92, '96 & '98)
9. Athens Alumni First Row: John ('96) and Suzanne Totten ('99), Pam ('86) and Greg McCormick ('85), Brooke ('04) and Jon Sherron ('04). Second Row: Julian Newman ('62), Lisa Hall Gilbert ('95), Betty Dean Newman ('65), Jane ('62) and Johnny Marshall ('80), and Judy Cafiero ('65)
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LION FOOTBALL LEGACY.



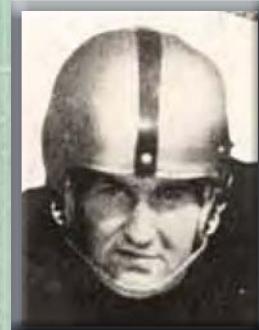
William "Brub" Hamilton
1952-55



Wendell Taylor
1952-55



Max Burleson
1956-58



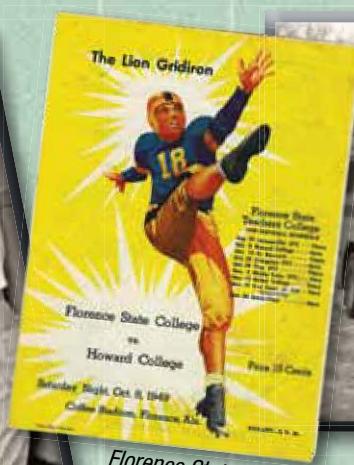
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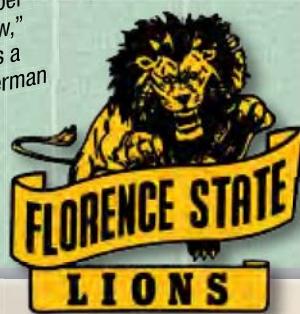
Jack Redwine
1956-58



George Weeks and Hal Self with George "Goober" Lindsey, star of television's "Andy Griffith Show," "Mayberry R.F.D." and "Hee Haw." Lindsey is a former quarterback and was a two-year letterman for the Lions in 1950-51. He is one of three former Lion athletes enshrined in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.



Florence State College
First Home Game
October 8, 1949



Coach Hal Self 1949-69



In the 1950s Harlon Hill was grabbing headlines, first for the Lion football team and then for the Chicago Bears.

Hill was named National Football League
Rookie of the Year in 1954 and
NFL Most Valuable Player in 1955.

Fans from the Shoals took buses to watch
Hill play for the Bears as he became a
nationally recognized figure.



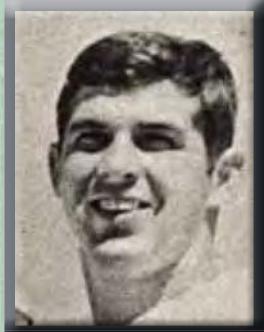
Harlon Hill
1950-53



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*Don Cornelius
1964-67*



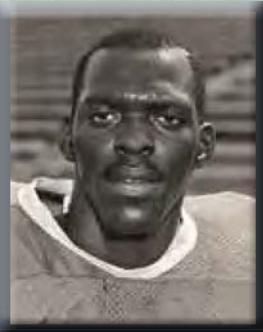
*Ricky Lindsey
1966-68*



*Roger Ralph
1973-75*



*Leonard Thomas
1968-71*



*Melvin Brown
1979-82*

The University of North Alabama fielded football teams from 1912 to 1928, but with little or no success. Following a miserable showing in 1928, football was dropped at the University. For the next 21 years there were several efforts made to return football to the Florence campus with the administration being the subject of letter-writing campaigns and petition gathering. Those efforts finally proved successful on March 30, 1949, when President Dr. E.B. Norton held a student assembly to announce that football would return to campus that September.

Since that September day, the University has reaped 60 years worth of benefits from a football program that has helped put UNA on the map as one the nation's premier collegiate powers.

That success has come through the combined efforts of seven different head coaches, more than 80 assistant coaches and more than 1,200 student-athletes.

Since Hal Self guided the first Lion squad onto the field on Sept. 29, 1949, through UNA's playoff loss

that ended the 2008 season, the North Alabama program has made a name for itself like few others in the nation.

The 2008 season, UNA's 60th since football returned to campus, was emblematic of the Lions' current position in college football. The Lions posted a 12-2 record and came within one game of playing for the Division II National Championship on its home field. That's because UNA has served as host for the Division II Football Championship since 1986, and is the only school to have had the chance to claim a Division II title on its home field. Following a record-setting season of his own, North Alabama quarterback A.J. Milwee was the runner-up for the Division II National Player of the Year Award. That award is the Harlon Hill Trophy, named for the former Lion standout end whose name has been on the player of the year award since its creation in 1986. It was also the Lions' 14th playoff appearance, fourth straight year in the post season, fourth straight year with 10 or more wins and 11th season finishing in the Division II Top 10 since 1980. UNA's 26 NCAA playoff wins are also the most by any current Division II institution.

But the Lions can trace their success much further back. The first 30 years after the rebirth of the Lion football program established a strong foundation for the program. Under the direction of Hal Self, the early Lion football teams were

a model of consistency, enjoying 12 winning seasons in the first 14 years of the program. The Lions dominated other state institutions, going 12 years - from 1952 to 1964 - without losing a game to another school from Alabama (31-0-2). The Lions' first conference title came in 1960 with the formation of the Alabama Collegiate Conference, and UNA would win four straight league titles. The first African-American football players also joined the program during the Coach Self era.

Upon Self's retirement from coaching in 1969, Durell Mock became the first, and so far only, former Lion player to become the Lions' head football coach. During Mock's third and final season as head coach, the University became a charter member of the Gulf South Conference. Three years later Mickey Andrews came to Florence and stayed four years before giving way to Wayne Grubb as the school's fourth head coach.



*Florence State
Football Guide 1973*

*Florence State vs.
Delta State College
September 17, 1960*



Backs L-R: L.L. Whitten 1949-52, Monk Romine 1951-53, George Lindsey 1950-51, Joe Elmore 1950-53
Linemen L-R: John Braswell 1949-52, Sam Hyde 1949-51, Porky Hodges 1950-51, Jim Hennessey 1951, Durell Mock 1949-52, Bobby Neal Wade 1949-54, and Harlon Hill 1950-53

1952-1964

Lions go 31-0-2 against schools from the state of Alabama

March 30, 1949
Dr. E.B. Norton holds a student assembly to announce the return of football to campus



October 8, 1949
Lions get their first football win - 28-7 over Howard College (now Samford)

1950
Lions have a winning season in just their second season of competition at 5-4

1960
Lions win Alabama Collegiate Conference title for first football league championship

1952
Lions go 8-1 with their only loss to Arkansas State.

1961, 62, 63
Lions win three more ACC titles



1971
North Alabama is a charter member of the Gulf South Conference

1978
Lions go 7-2-1 for first seven-win season in 17 seasons



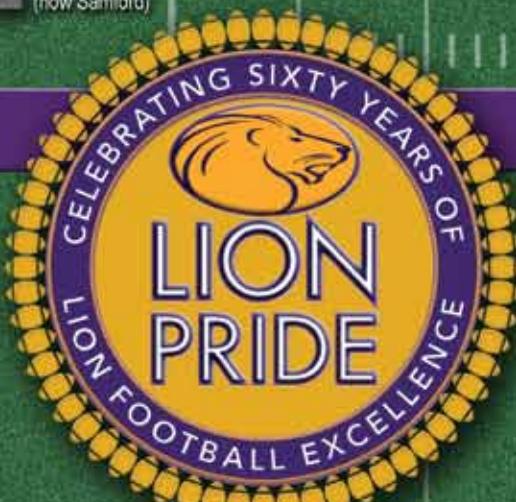
1980-85

UNA has a 55-11-4 mark over the six-year span, never losing more than three games in a season

1983
Second GSC title, NCAA semifinals and first 11-win season



1985
UNA wins first Gulf South Conference football crown and plays in NCAA playoffs for the first time



LION FOOTBALL LEGACY

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Alabama Collegiate Conference
Alabama Collegiate Conference
Alabama Collegiate Conference
Alabama Collegiate Conference
Gulf South Conference

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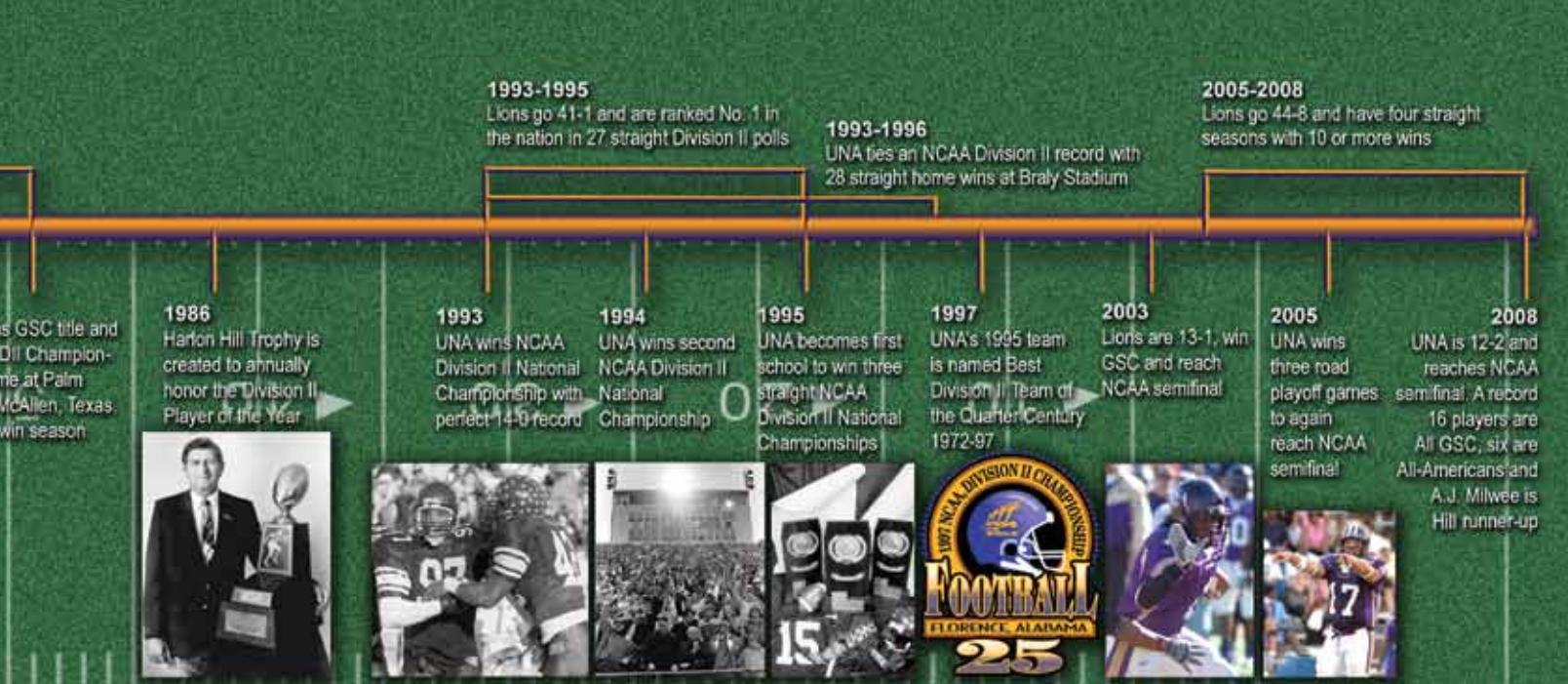
NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

1949	Henry H. "Hal" Self hired as head football coach. He would coach 21 seasons and win 109 games	
1953	Alton "Monk" Romine signs with Chicago Bears to become first UNA professional football player	
1954	Harlon Hill drafted by the Chicago Bears	
1954	Harlon Hill is NFL Rookie of the Year	
1955	Harlon Hill is NFL Most Valuable Player	
1968	First African American Football Players - including Rabbit Thomas and Bobby Joe Pride	
1973	Mickey Andrews hired as head coach	
1977	Wayne Grubb hired as head football coach. He posts an 84-33-6 record with three GSC titles	
January 15, 1978	Robert Steele becomes the first Lion to be a part of a Super Bowl team with the Dallas Cowboys	
1987	Bobby Wallace hired as head football coach	

1970
Durell Mock hired as head coach, becoming only former Lion player to return as assistant coach and then become head coach

1977-87
Bill Hyde spends 11 years as UNA defensive coordinator and Lions go 84-33-6 with three playoff appearances





SIX DECADES IN THE MAKING

TOP 10 NATIONAL RANKINGS

1980	No. 3
1981	No. 10
1983	No. 3
1985	No. 2
1993	No. 1
1994	No. 1
1995	No. 1
2003	No. 2
2005	No. 4
2006	No. 6
2007	No. 6
2008	No. 3

10-WIN SEASONS

1980	10-2
1983	11-1-1
1985	12-2
1993	14-0
1994	13-1
1995	14-0
2003	13-1
2005	11-3
2006	11-1
2007	10-2
2008	12-2

ALABAMA'S WININGEST COLLEGE TEAMS 1990-2008

North Alabama	160-65-1	71.1
Tuskegee	149-65-1	69.5
Auburn	149-71-3	67.5
Troy	148-79-1	65.2
Alabama	146-86	62.3
Alabama A&M	117-97-1	54.6
Jacksonville State	115-96-1	54.5
Alabama State	112-98-4	53.3
Samford	111-99-2	52.8
Alabama-Birmingham	95-104-2	47.4
Miles	65-126-1	34.1
West Alabama	56-144	28.0
Stillman	55-44	55.6
Huntingdon	31-25	55.3



1995
Ronald McKinnon
is first defensive
player to win
Harlon Hill
Trophy

1995
Cody Gross
completes career
with a 41-2 record
as a starter

1997
Bobby Wallace
named Division
II Coach of the
Quarter Century
with an 82-36-1
record at UNA
and three National
Championships



January 3, 2002
Mark Hudspeth
hired as head
football coach.
He goes 66-21
with five playoff
appearances in
seven years



2003
Will Hall
wears Harlon Hill
Trophy



2005
Lance Ancar
wins Rimington
Trophy as top
Division II center



June 18, 2008
Ronald McKinnon
inducted into the
College Football Hall
of Fame



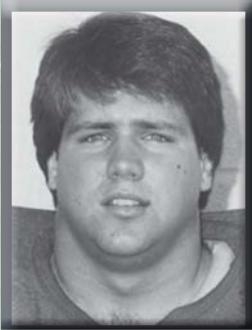
January 1, 2009
Terry Bowden hired
as head football
coach



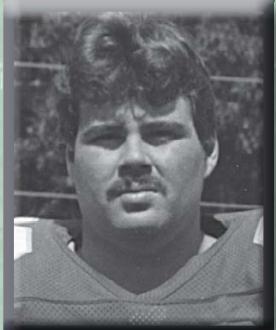
1992-97
Bill Hyde returns for six years as defensive
coordinator and Lions go 63-13-1 with five
playoff appearances

1998-2001
Bill Hyde hired as
sixth head football
coach at UNA

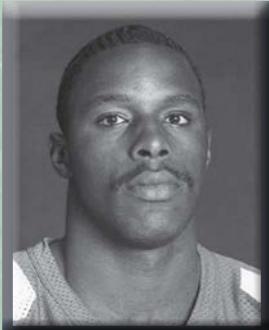
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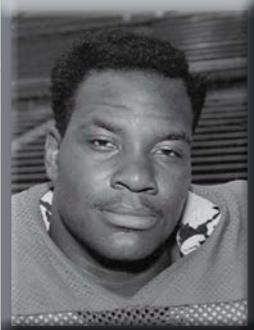
Don Smith
1979-82



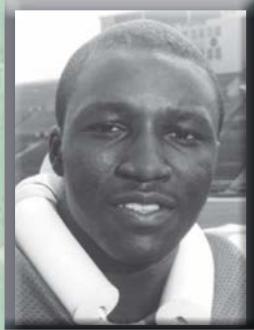
James Knowles
1982-85



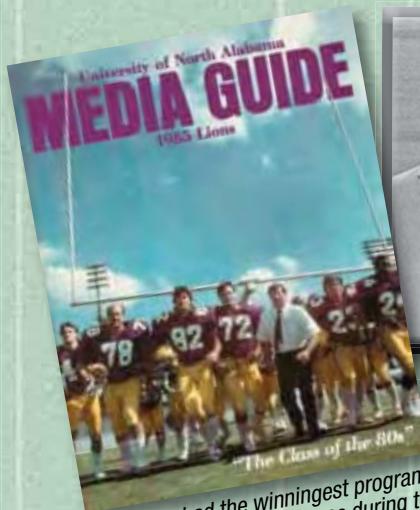
Bruce Jones
1982-85



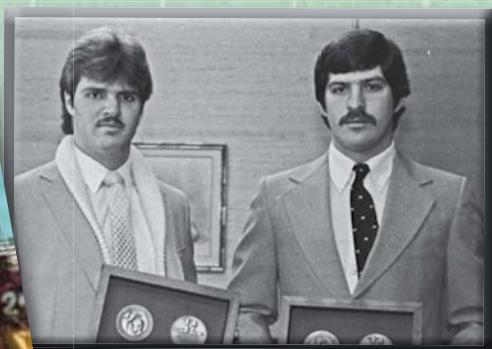
Shawn Lee
1986-87



James Davis
1987-90



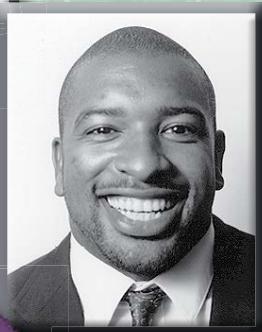
The Lions had the winningest program in the Gulf South Conference during the 1980s, posting a 74-34-5 record.



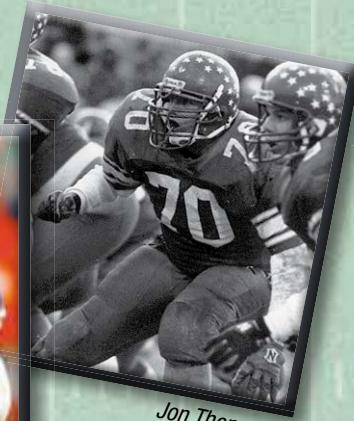
In 1980 Rusty Towsley and Bobby Duncan each had a \$1,000 scholarship donated in their names to the University by Chevrolet.



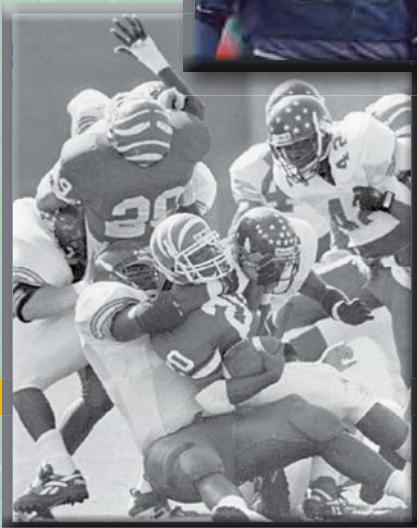
Former Lion and Arizona Cardinal Ronald McKinnon received the ultimate collegiate honor on July 19, 2008, when he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.



Ronald McKinnon
1992-95



Jon Thompson
1992-95



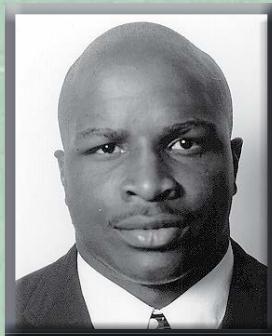
Reginald Ruffin
1994-97

North Alabama's dominant defense in 1994 and 1995 was nicknamed the Purple Swarm, because of the team's all-purple uniforms and the incredible team speed that allowed Lion defenders to swarm the football.

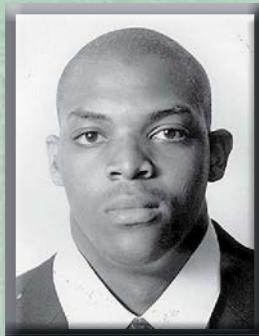


The seniors and coaches from the 1995 Lion football team on the steps of the White House.

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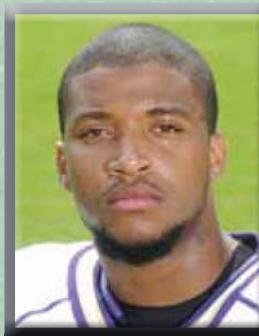
Keith Humphrey
1992-95



Israel Raybon
1992-95



Lance Ancar
2002-05



Anthony Merritt
2003-06



A.J. Milwee
2005-08

Grubb would lead UNA to 84 wins, three Gulf South Conference titles and its first three NCAA playoff appearances in an 11-year stint in Florence.

Following Grubb's departure, UNA turned to Bobby Wallace to continue the Lion tradition and he was more than up to the challenge. During his 10 years in Florence, Wallace led UNA to 82 wins, three GSC titles, six playoff appearances and three NCAA Division II National Championships in 1993, 1994 and 1995.

North Alabama became the first school in the history of NCAA scholarship football to win three consecutive national championships, and UNA is still the only NCAA Division II institution

to have won three straight crowns. Following that 1995 season, the Lions also became the first Division II squad invited to the White House, and they met with President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and members of Congress.

From 1993-95 the Lions went 41-1 and set a Division II record by ranking No. 1

in the nation in 27 straight polls. UNA also tied a Division II record by winning 28 consecutive home games at Braly Stadium.

Wallace left UNA following another playoff run in 1997 and the Lions elevated longtime defensive coordinator Bill Hyde to the head coaching position. Hyde retired following the 2001 season and Mark Hudspeth became the seventh head coach in UNA history.

Hudspeth spent seven seasons in Florence and put the Lion program back at the top of Division II, winning 64 games and making five playoff appearances. Under Hudspeth's direction, the Lions reached the NCAA semifinals three times, the quarterfinals twice, and had five seasons with 10 or more wins.

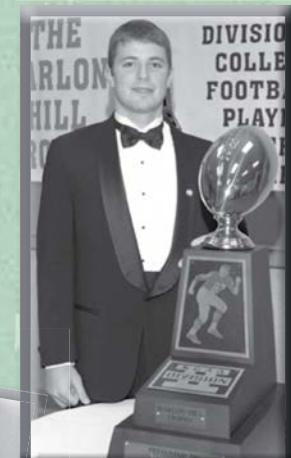
And of course the team successes have led to a remarkable amount of individual accolades. Since 1949, 60 different Lion players have earned first or second-team All-American honors. Wallace was selected as the Division II Coach of the Quarter Century and the 1995 UNA squad was chosen as Division II's Best Team of the Quarter Century (1972-97).

Two Lion players, linebacker Ronald McKinnon (1995) and quarterback Will Hall (2003) won the Harlon Hill Trophy. Center Lance Ancar won the Division II Rimington Trophy as the division's top center in 2005.

McKinnon and quarterback Cody Gross have been inducted into the Division II Football Hall of Fame and McKinnon received the ultimate honor when he was enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2008.

On a professional level, the Lions have produced an NFL Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player in Harlon Hill, and five other Lions have played on Super Bowl squads. A total of 23 Lions have been drafted by professional teams and 44 more have signed free-agent contracts.

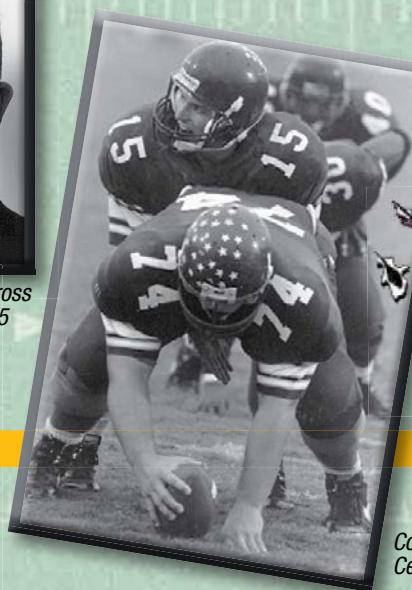
With six decades of success already on the books, few things have brought more excitement to the Lion football program than the December 31, 2008, hiring of Terry Bowden as UNA's eighth head football coach. Bringing a big-name, high profile former Division I National Coach of the Year to Florence has already sparked anticipation for year No. 61 of Lion football.



Will Hall 2002-03

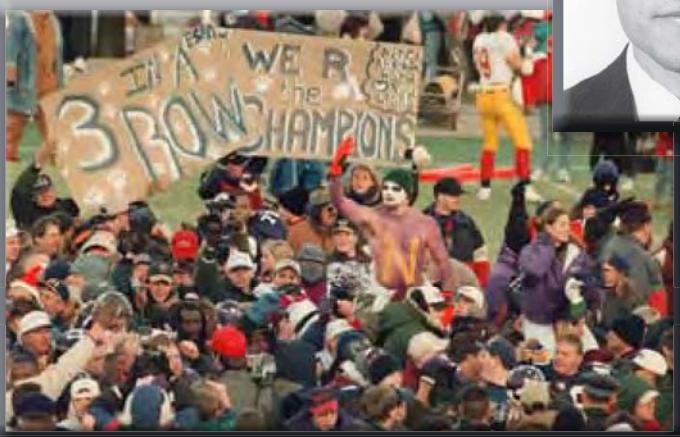


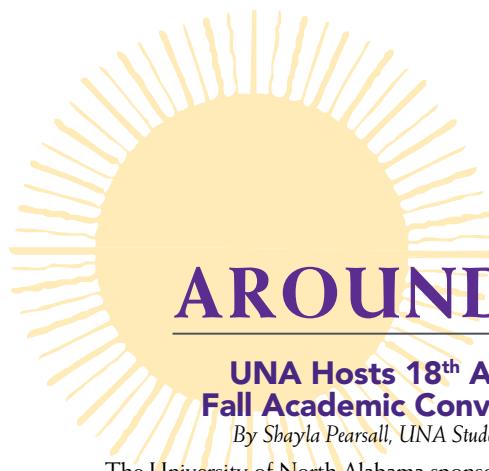
Cody Gross
1992-95



**Cody Gross and
Center Kin Taylor** 1991-94

Tyrone Rush 1989-93





AROUND the CAMPUS

UNA Hosts 18th Annual Fall Academic Convocation

By Shayla Pearsall, UNA Student Writer

The University of North Alabama sponsored the 18th annual Fall Academic Convocation for students and faculty in Norton Auditorium on Sept. 17. The program featured **Dr. Beverly Absher ('81 & '87)** as keynote speaker. Absher is currently an associate professor of educational leadership, chair of the Department of Continuing Studies, and director

of the BSOL LAUNCH program for Union University in Jackson, Tenn. She formerly served as director of human resources for the university.

Absher earned her B.S. degree in accounting and a master's degree at the University of North Alabama, and she received her Ed.D. in educational leadership with an emphasis in higher education at Union University.

Before joining Union, Absher was president of Absher Group LLC, a firm specializing in business consulting and market research for small and mid-sized companies.

Absher had previously lived in the Shoals area and spent 10 years on staff at the Tennessee Valley Authority, serving as senior specialist in the Economic Development organization; senior manager, Marketing and Operations Support, for TVAs Public Power Institute; and as customer service manager for Alabama.

She is also a former vice president and director of marketing, sales and business development for South Trust Bank, as well as a former chief accountant and administrative officer for Commerce Union Bank.

Absher is also an active community member, having served as a committee chair, board member and Executive Committee member of the Shoals Chamber of Commerce. She has also served as both a chairwoman and a volunteer for many community and national charities, including the Special Olympics, March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, United Way and others.

She is also a past president of the American Institute of Banking, Financial Women International, Business and Professional Women and the UNA National Alumni Association.

She has received many notable awards for her work, including the 1995 Alabama Business Person of the Year by the state chapters of Phi Beta Lambda, the 1999 Outstanding Professional Woman of the Year for Northwest Alabama by the Girl Scouts of North Alabama organization and the Shoals Area Citizen of the Year in 2004, among other awards. She was also presented the Community Service Award from the UNA National Alumni Association in 1996, and she was recognized as one of UNAs Alumni of the Year in 2003.

Joy Harjo will be the featured guest at the UNA Writer's Series. She's scheduled to perform in the GUC Performance Center on Thursday, April 16th at 7:30 p.m., and, on Friday, April 17th, at 10 a.m.

Author of six poetry collections including "How We Became Human" and "She Had Some Horses", Harjo belongs to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Her honors include: the William Carlos Williams Award from the Poetry Society of America, the Delmore Schwartz Award, The American Indian Distinguished

Career Planning and Development

Career Services at UNA has a brand new office, new leadership, and is ready to re-introduce a variety of services to students and alumni. Melissa Tucker Medlin, daughter of Joe M. and **Shelia Maddox Tucker ('70)**, has joined UNA as Director of Career Planning and Development. Medlin came to UNA with 12 years of higher education experience and is excited about the many opportunities for career development for UNA students.

Since starting her position in July 2008, and with the support of a strong staff and the Division of Student Affairs, Medlin has moved the office twice; reorganized and refocused the department's vision; held an all-day open house; coordinated two very successful career fairs; met with student groups, academic classes, local employers, and community leaders; and wound her way through UNA's policies and procedures.

Medlin says this is her dream job—she loves being at UNA, working with the students and faculty and having the opportunity to develop a very important resource area for students. She has a vision of holistic career service delivery and to that end recommended a name change for the office. Career Services is now Career Planning and Development (CPD). This facilitates career planning and decision making efforts with first year undecided students, all the way through to the job search strategies of senior level students, and all experiences in between.

One of the primary goals for this year has been to increase awareness. CPD wants to provide students assistance in determining a major/career field and gaining hands-on experience prior to graduation; as well as preparing for the job search with résumés, interviewing, etc. One word of advice Medlin has for students in their career planning process is to "START EARLY!" She says that "the process should not start during your senior year—it starts the minute you arrive on campus and begin work toward your degree." Career Planning and Development has the staff and resources to help students all along the way. The new home of Career Planning and Development is Suite 202, GUC. This new location offers a more professional atmosphere for students with its' Interview Suite and close proximity to the Banquet Halls for career events. CPD wishes to train students in the area of professionalism as they prepare to begin their careers and represent UNA in their future endeavors.

This increase in awareness also extends to our UNA Alumni employers across the nation. Currently, Career Planning and

UNA Writer's Series

Achievement Award, and two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships.

In 2003, Joy Harjo was named winner of the Arrell Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Center for the Book. Her family connections to Alabama include Menawa, or as it's spelled in Oklahoma Monahwee, who fought alongside the Red Sticks, against Andrew Jackson in the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. He was later removed to Oklahoma despite his attempts to keep his people in Alabama and Georgia.

Although known primarily for her poetry, the author is also a singer, saxophone player, and edited "Reinventing the Enemy's Language", an anthology of Native American women writers. A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, she has taught at the University of New Mexico and UCLA.

The UNA Writer's Series is a recipient of a 2009 grant for the literary arts.

For more information, contact the English Department at UNA (256-765-4238).

Development is seeking alumni to recruit and hire fellow graduates for positions in their organizations. Additionally CPD would welcome the opportunity to meet with alumni willing to hire UNA students as interns or serve as mentors for students contemplating similar career fields. While there is a strong emphasis on retaining these high quality graduates in the Shoals area, UNA also hopes to spread the experience of our graduates through the southeast, the U.S., and even the world.

Contact Career Planning and Development at career.una.edu or 256.765.4276 or Melissa Medlin directly at mtmedlin@una.edu.

DAVIDSON named UNA Director of Diversity and Institutional Equity

By Emily E. Beavers, student intern

Ten years ago, Dr. Lelon Davidson would never have dreamed that he would still be at UNA in 2009.

"Oxford (Miss.) is home. I thought I'd never leave," said Davidson, "I thought UNA was just another journey on the way to the end of my tenure. But UNA is the hidden secret of North Alabama."

As Dr. Davidson draws close to his 10-year anniversary at UNA, he is beginning a new chapter in his career. Davidson was recently appointed the university's new Director of Equity and Diversity in the



Dr. Lelon Davidson

Office of Diversity and Institutional Equity (ODIE). This office was created as part of UNA's *Strategic Diversity Plan*, which states that "the broad purpose of the Office of Diversity and Institutional Equity is to foster a climate that promotes and nurtures diversity and equity for all stakeholders at the university."

As director, Dr. Davidson will oversee the implementation of the department's main initiatives. First on the list, according to Davidson, is "formulating a plan of action to ensure that all initiatives are carried out."

Then, advisory committees will be formed to manage recruitment and training.

Dr. Davidson has had a long and successful career in education. He received his bachelor's degree in English from Jackson State University and his master's degrees in library and informational sciences and guidance and educational psychology from Atlanta University. His doctorate is in educational leadership from the University of Mississippi. He started out in the classroom and made his way up, holding positions in several Mississippi school districts and serving as superintendent of schools in Holly Springs, Miss. He also worked in Professional Research and Evaluation of Public Schools at Mississippi State University before coming to UNA.

Dr. Davidson, in his new directorial role, and ODIE will ensure that UNA is an inclusive university.

"We will recruit representatives of groups that are not as prevalent to this university. We will make a concerted effort to acclimate [minority students] to university life. We want to make sure that non-represented populations are included."

Dr. Davidson is always in Florence during the work week and can be found at UNA at many other times, as his job requires.

"Whenever need be, I'm here," said Davidson. "I put the institution's goals right there with personal goals. But it's like Vince Lombardi, the winningest coach. He said he had three obligations, faith, family and football. I'm like that: faith, family and job. You've got to prioritize."

What drew Dr. Davidson to the University of North Alabama, the "hidden secret," and has kept him here for 10 years?

"UNA provides so many benefits. There is so much friendliness in Florence, and living here is relatively inexpensive. The university has great people, and we all have one goal in common: to do the best for our students. And that speaks well of any university."

Dr. Davidson encourages any alumni who have any concerns or initiatives they wish to share, or students to refer to the university, to contact the Office of Diversity and Institutional Equity at 256-765-4598 or UNA Box 5186, Florence, AL 35632.

Norman Lloyd: Hitchcock 'Jar' Reunion Celebrates Landmark in Television Terror

By Terry Pace ('85 & '04), Adjunct Instructor of English



President William G. Cale, Jr., Norman Lloyd, James Best, and George Lindsey ('52)

With most of his contemporaries long gone or retired, Norman Lloyd remains forever fueled by what he calls the "fire in the belly."

"They'll try to tell you it's over – but it's never, ever over," the 94-year-old actor, director and producer declared during his October visit to the Shoals for two UNA Distinguished Events programs. "I wake up every day hoping that some exciting new project will come my way."

On opening night, Lloyd shared memories of screen legends Alfred Hitchcock, Charles Chaplin, Jean Renoir and Orson Welles, plus modern moviemakers Martin Scorsese, Peter Weir and Curtis Hanson.

The evening included clips from Lloyd's roles as Hitchcock's "Saboteur", the headmaster in "Dead Poets Society" and Dr. Auschlander on the groundbreaking medical series "St. Elsewhere."

"The writing on that show was beyond compare," Lloyd maintains. "It inspired a dozen imitators, but none of them came close to matching its quality."

On the second night, Lloyd was joined by actors James Best (*The Dukes of Hazzard*) and George Lindsey (*The Andy Griffith Show*) for a screening and discussion of "The Jar," a landmark 1964 episode of *The Alfred Hitchcock Hour*. Lloyd produced and directed, casting Best and Lindsey in memorable roles.

"I did three 'Twilight Zones' and three 'Hitchcocks,'" Best noted, "but 'The Jar' really stands out. Shows like that don't come along every day. It was very unique."

The Emmy-nominated chiller – based on an eerie Ray Bradbury tale – is widely regarded as one of television's finest hours.

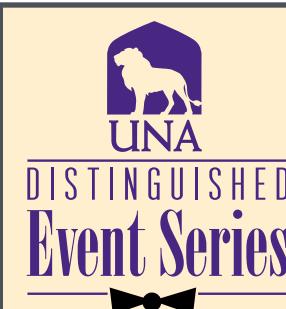
"It was Hitchcock's favorite show of the series," Lloyd explained, "except for those he directed himself."

Bradbury participated in the panel by phone from Los Angeles, calling his collaboration with Lloyd "one of the happiest experiences of my life." Leading actress Collin Wilcox Paxton (*To Kill a Mockingbird*) sent a note reflecting her own fond memories of "The Jar."

"Norman was a fabulous director," Paxton wrote. "His energy was infectious."

The evening was dedicated to the memory of the star of "The Jar," Winston County native Pat Buttram (*Green Acres*), who died in 1994. Several members of his family attended the program.

"Pat was the best," recalled Lindsey, who also worked with Buttram on Disney's *The Aristocats*, *Robin Hood* and *The Rescuers*. "I just wish he could have been here tonight. He would have loved it."



Dinesh D'Souza

April 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
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GOVERNOR JOHN PATTERSON UNA Distinguished Events Series

The University of North Alabama and the Florence Public Library hosted former Alabama Governor John Patterson and noted author and Patterson biographer Warren Trest for the Distinguished Events Series. The event was held in the UNA Guillot University Center Performance Center.

Patterson was thrust into Alabama politics after the assassination of his father, Attorney General-elect Albert L. Patterson, in June 1954. John Patterson was elected Attorney General to carry out his father's

plans for cleaning up the vice and illegal gambling that ran rampant in Phenix City. The young attorney soon gained a political following that carried him to the governor's office in January 1959. He was the state's youngest elected governor and the only candidate to ever defeat George Wallace in a gubernatorial campaign.

As governor, Patterson was a staunch supporter of Alabama's segregationist stance,

leading the state's resistance to federally ordered desegregation. He later expressed regret for having not done more to help the state's African-American citizens gain equal rights.

Patterson also led Alabama to notable advancements in public education, highway construction, industrial growth, law enforcement, government reform, increased old-age benefits and other areas.

For information on UNA's 2009-10 Distinguished Events Series, telephone 256-765-4208.



Governor John Patterson and President William G. Cale, Jr.

UNA College of Education received notification from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

The University of North Alabama College of Education received official notification of continued accreditation status from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the organization responsible for professional accreditation of teacher education.

"Our continued accreditation status signifies our commitment to the preparation of well-qualified school leaders," said Dr. Donna Jacobs, dean of the UNA College of Education. "UNA has a great tradition of excellence that is evidenced by the outstanding graduates from our programs and supported by the quality faculty at UNA and in our partnering schools."

When NCATE was founded in 1954, UNA – then known as Florence State Teachers College – was among the original institutions accredited by the organization. NCATE currently accredits 623 institutions, which produce two-thirds of the nation's new teacher graduates each year. Ninety-nine institutions are candidates or pre-candidates for accreditation.

"UNA has a solid teacher training program with highly qualified, experienced faculty, and the success of our alumni reflects the quality NCATE has recently reaffirmed," said Dr. William G. Cale Jr., UNA president.

NCATE's rigorous standards "help ensure the College of Education's ongoing quality, making it a place where schools and school systems can find excellent teachers," according to Dr. Garry Warren, UNA vice president for academic affairs and provost.

NCATE-accredited schools must meet rigorous standards set by the profession and members of the public. Teacher candidates must have in-depth knowledge of the subject matter that they plan to teach as well as the skills necessary to convey that knowledge. The college or university must carefully assess this knowledge and skill to determine that candidates may graduate. The institution must also have partnerships with P-12 schools that enable candidates to develop the skills necessary

to help students learn. Candidates must be prepared to understand and work with diverse student populations and college and university faculty must model effective teaching practices. The college of education must also have the resources, including information technology resources, necessary to prepare candidates to meet new standards.

The U.S. Department of Education recognizes NCATE as a specialized accrediting body for schools, colleges and departments of education. NCATE is composed of more than 30 professional and policymaker organizations representing millions of Americans committed to quality teaching.

UNA offers teacher education programs for grades K-6, P-12 and 6-12 at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as graduate programs in school counseling and educational administration. For more information, visit the UNA College of Education Web site at www.una.edu/education.



Dr. Donna Jacobs, President William G. Cale, Jr., Dr. Betty Newman ('62), and Dr. Lisa Clayton ('00 & '02)

UNA CIS Department Receives ABET Accreditation

The University of North Alabama's Department of Computer Information Systems recently received notification of accreditation by ABET Inc.

ABET, formally known as the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, is a federation of 29 professional and technical societies and currently has four accreditation commissions in the applied science, computing, engineering and technology fields.

"We've been aware of ABET's intention to begin accreditation of information systems programs for probably six or eight years," said Dr. Paulette Alexander, CIS department chair. "When they got their standards together, we

started reviewing our program and seeking a program that would conform to those standards. We launched a new curriculum in the fall of 2006 that was designed specifically to meet those standards."

UNA's CIS department is the first program of its kind in the Southeast to receive accreditation within a college of business.

Alexander also said that an additional faculty member was hired in preparation for the accreditation and that it will elevate the department's status in comparison to other schools. The accreditation was a voluntary step for the department's two degree options: enterprise information systems and end user computing systems.

"Our students have learned that employers look favorably on graduating from institutions with accreditation," said Alexander. "It is recognition of the program's quality. It's a very good way to validate what you're doing with other institutions around the state and the country."

Alexander said the accreditation will not mean major changes in the department but will serve as a reminder to stay ahead in the game.

"We have state-of-the-art technology already in place," she said. "Our plan will be to stay as close to the cutting edge as we possibly can and have our students well prepared for the world of work."

LAURA HARRISON speaks at
UNA Midyear Commencement



The University of North Alabama welcomed **Laura McAnnally Harrison ('55)**, of Indian Hill, Ohio, as speaker for its fall commencement ceremony. Growing up in Cullman County, Ala., Harrison graduated from Hanceville High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree from UNA, then Florence State Teachers College. She married her husband, Donald Harrison, while he was attending medical school and worked as a secretary until the arrival of their children.

Harrison serves on the pastoral care and fellowship committees of the Indian Hill Church. She has served on the board of trustees of the Inter Parish Ministry, an outreach organization of several churches, and was a Stephen Minister, offering lay counseling during crisis. In 2007, she received the Circle of Hope Award in recognition of her ongoing contributions to the Inter Parish Ministry. She is a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a philanthropic educational organization whose purpose is for the education of women, both national and international. She is also a member of the board of trustees of the Indian Hill Historical Society and a member of the garden club.

Harrison and her husband have contributed funds to establish endowments for the Laura M. Harrison Professor of English and the Laura M. Harrison Scholarship Fund. She was selected as one of UNA's Alumnae of the Year in 2005.

In 2002, the Harrisons gifted to the UNA Foundation the Laura M. Harrison Plaza and the Harrison Entrance of the UNA campus. The plaza and its centerpiece, a carved Italian limestone fountain, now serve as a signature focal point for the campus community.

Harrison and her husband have three children and eight grandchildren.

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PHI MU ALUMNAE CHAPTER REORGANIZED

The UNA '70s Homecoming weekend sparked the renewal of a special bond we first established when we were young college students. We realized how much we missed the fun we had together and made a commitment to do a better job of keeping in touch with one another. The first thing we did was to develop a list of e-mail addresses and we are in the process of developing a Phi Mu Alumnae Web page.

This past year we reorganized our alumnae chapter. The new officers are: President-**Paige Cates ('81)**, Vice President-**Carol Covington ('78 & '80)**, Secretary-**Jan Goode ('80)**, Treasurer-**Dianne Hollimon ('80)**. Our first endeavor was to renovate the Theta Alpha Chapter room. With the help of member **Paige Thornton ('90)**, a local decorator and owner of the French Basket, the Chapter has a beautiful chapter room.

The alumnae group helped the Chapter with fall recruitment and hosted a luncheon and pool party at the home of **Cathy Harrison ('89)** for the new Phis. The next item on our agenda was to increase our membership by contacting as many Phi Mu Alumnae in the area that we knew. I'm sure there are many of you we missed. Please contact us at the addresses listed below.

We have had several meetings so far this year. We also try to get together to do fun things such as attend plays, movies, and UNA events such as Step Show. We helped the chapter with a Homecoming dinner prior to the Pep Rally. Parents and Phi Mu alums were invited to come by the dorm to eat and see the newly decorated Chapter Room. We feel it is very important for us to not only get to know the girls in the chapter, but also their parents. Having involved parents helps build a strong line of communication and provides a way for parents to be a part of their daughter's collegiate life.

During Homecoming weekend several Phi Mu alumnae met up with other Greek alumnae in the Applebee residence hall and enjoyed a trip down memory lane before the football game. During December the alum group had an ornament swap. In January, Carol Covington became the new Theta Alpha Chapter Adviser. She, along with **Debbie Pool ('82)**, has been very involved with all chapter planning and events. Events include a trip to Bottle and Brush in February. Our Phi Mu sister, **Rhonda Mitchell ('78)** owns this establishment in Huntsville. She demonstrates and helps members of the class paint a picture during the visit. We will celebrate Phi Mu Founder's Day in March and in April a cooking class is on the agenda. Various charitable events are in the planning stages.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the North Alabama Phi Mu Alumnae Group, please email Carol Covington at atencar@wmconnect.com, Debbie Poole at DSDPool@aol.com or Paige Cates at paigecates@comcast.net.

"With the wonderful alumni support we have been receiving recently, we've been able to accomplish more than ever before for our chapter," undergraduate Phi Mu Leigh Carl McElyea says. "The new advisors and alumni chapter have been backing us in every step we've made so far this semester. It is so nice having alumni who truly care and assist our officers and members." The Theta Alpha Chapter of Phi Mu greatly appreciates and supports the North Alabama Phi Mu Alumnae.

KAPPA SIGMA ALUMNI NEWS

*Capital Campaign with UNA Foundation
35th Anniversary*

Recently, members of the Lambda Omicron Alumni Association met with the UNA Foundation and executed an agreement with the foundation to begin administering the Lambda Omicron Capital Campaign Fund. The goal of this partnership is to raise the funds over a three-year period necessary to renovate Biddle Hall (the chapter house). This also enables us to have the Foundation maintain our funds in an interest bearing account, and provide that all donations made to the fund are 100 percent tax deductible. Any Brothers wishing to contribute to the Capital Campaign may do so on a tax deductible basis either by a one time contribution or by a monthly deduction from your savings or checking account. Members of the Lambda Omicron Alumni Association are very excited about this partnership, and believe it is in the best interests of the Alumni Association, for the future of the Capital Campaign, and will enable us to build our donor base. For more information on the Capital Campaign, please contact **Jim Page ('01)** at 256-466-2559 or **Aaron Irons ('99)** at 256-389-3969.

Also, the Lambda Omicron chapter will be celebrating its 35th Anniversary during the weekend of May 15 – 17, 2009. Events include a reunion at the chapter house, a family picnic, and celebration dinner at Dale's Restaurant. All Alumni planning to attend are asked to bring any chapter memorabilia to display. Costs to Alumni for the weekend will include all events, including the dinner, and will be communicated through e-mails and postcards to all chapter alumni. If any Kappa Sigma Alumni have not received any information, or need to update your contact information in order to receive updates, please contact Aaron Irons at 256-389-3969 or **John Haeger ('99)** at 256-627-6621. You may also update your information as well as view any news and updates at www.lambdamonicron.com.

Recently, at Homecoming 2008, the Alumni Association elected new officers. The officers for 2008-2009 are: President-**Jeremy Glidewell ('03)**, Vice President-**Adam Loudermilk ('07)**, Secretary/Treasurer-**Ryan "Nunan" Hicks**, and Master of Ceremonies- Aaron Irons.

JOHN CASSIMUS MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

By Terry Pace ('85 & '04), Adjunct Instructor of English

John Samuel Cassimus was 11 years old when he moved from his native Greece to a new home in an exciting land filled with new friends, new ideas and new opportunities.

Cassimus eventually settled in Florence, Ala., where he and his beautiful American bride, Gertrude Coffman Cassimus, opened what would become a cultural phenomenon on Huntsville Road in the Weeden Heights community on the east side of town.

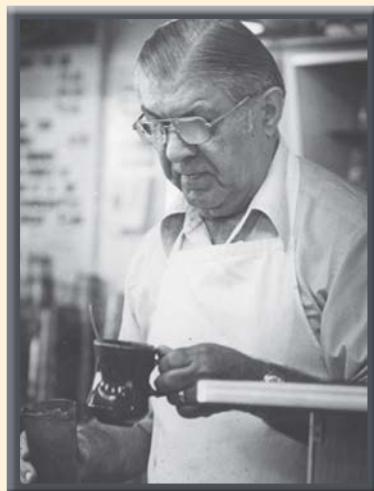
For more than 50 years, Cassimus Café and Grocery became a gathering place for loyal patrons from all walks of life. A typical lunch-hour crowd might include everyone from politicians like Congressman Ronnie Flippo and former Gov. "Big Jim" Folsom to country singer George Jones, the Eagles' Glenn Frey and members of the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section.

"He always called it 'The Store,' and it was an institution," according to Pat Pace of Muscle Shoals, the youngest of three Cassimus daughters who grew up working side-by-side in their parents' café. "People loved his hamburger steaks, his chili, his stew and especially his half-and-half which was chili and stew mixed together. That became one of his signature dishes. I run into people every day who say they miss 'The Store.' They miss the food and the atmosphere, but they also miss my daddy – the man they called 'Mr. John.'"

A campaign is under way to establish an endowed scholarship at UNA in memory of Cassimus, who died in 1988 at the age of 83. Supporters include businessmen, industrialists, politicians, law-enforcement officers, educators and professional musicians who spent some of their happiest hours talking with this charismatic Greek immigrant and sampling his savory American dishes.

"A most treasured memory of my dad is how he cared for people and his community and worked so diligently for his hometown," recalled his oldest daughter, Betty McCreless of Las Vegas. "In hard times, when people came to his door, they were never turned away. He never let anybody go without a hot meal if they needed it."

As an immigrant with no formal schooling in his adopted country, Cassimus was a self-taught, self-made man who cherished the American values of democracy and education and encouraged his customers to participate in the political process. He took the oath of U.S. citizenship



John Samuel Cassimus

in 1971.

"I saw him fight to get Weeden Heights a better school, paved streets, city water and street lights," noted his middle daughter, Norma Glascock of Florence. "He loved our country so very much, and when he became a citizen he was so proud – that was his lifelong dream."

A devoted fan of music and movies, Cassimus loved telling the story of the time he met silent-movie comedian Charlie Chaplin while working as a teenager at a restaurant in Birmingham. His Weeden Heights café featured a jukebox stocked with Muscle Shoals recordings and a poster display advertising the latest film at the Shoals Theatre downtown.

"He loved to take us to the movies, which was several times a month," Glascock remembered. "I would fall asleep and he would hold me or carry me from the movie. His love of movies and his love of music are still my passions. The radio stayed on all the time, and the jukebox was always going. Friends came by, and he did not mind if we danced to the music."

Cassimus didn't realize it at the time, but he played a decisive role in the career of a future music pioneer when he hired 10-year-old Kelso Herston as his delivery boy. More than a decade later, Herston helped launch the Muscle Shoals recording industry before moving to Nashville, where he became one of Music City's premier guitarists, producers and publishers. He also created the classic commercial jingles "7-Up, the Un-Cola," "Red Lobster, for the Seafood Lover in You" and "I Wish I Were an Oscar Mayer Weiner."

"Working for Mr. Cassimus was my first paying job, and it was one of the best experiences of my life," recalls Herston, a 1993 inductee in the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. "He was a kind gentleman, and people just adored him and wanted to be around him. He was also a very funny man, with a terrific sense of humor, which made people feel at ease. To me he was a true American icon, and I'll never forget the lessons I learned from him."

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LIZZIE HITCHCOCK COLE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

An Elementary Education teacher's influence on her young students continues long after those students leave the classroom. A love of reading, a sense of sharing, and of working cooperatively with others are some of the positive influences a teacher has on the lives of her students. Lizzie Hitchcock Cole left such a legacy on hundreds of her students.

Her daughter, Carolyn McCollum ('57), wanting to ensure many students majoring in elementary education would have the opportunity to mold and shape young lives far into the future, established a charitable gift annuity to create the Lizzie Hitchcock Cole Endowed Scholarship in 1995. Recently, McCollum made an additional \$15,000 gift in order for her scholarship to participate in the Lion Match Program. Under this program, endowed scholarships of \$25,000 or more will pay out double the required 5 percent distribution.

McCollum was a long-time teacher in the Florence City School System. She was a founding member of the Fidelis Zeta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary society for women educators.

Her mother, Lizzie Hitchcock Cole, was born in Hardin County, Tenn. She moved to Florence to live with an older brother so she could attend Florence State Normal School in the 1910s. Cole often spoke of walking down a dusty, unpaved Wood Avenue to attend classes in Wesleyan Hall. She taught fifth grade at Gilbert and Harlan schools in Florence. After she retired in 1963, Cole designed the official flag for the City of Florence.

"She thought every girl should major in elementary education because she felt it was a great foundation for motherhood. She thought every mother should encourage learning," says McCollum.

Following her mother's example, McCollum taught in Cullman, Decatur,

Florence, Sheffield, and the Tuscumbia school systems. She retired as elementary curriculum director for the Florence City Schools and now lives in Sheffield.



Dr. Barry Morris, Carolyn McCollum ('57), Dr. Donna Jacobs, Dr. Greg Risner, and Dr. Linda Armstrong



UNIVERSITY Advancement

With the economic situation in the country as it is, I am continually asked how it has impacted the level of support for UNA. At least at this point, I am able to say that our alumni and friends continue to believe in the importance and value of higher education and UNA. As you noticed in the 2007-2008 President's Report, we had more than 650 donors make first time gifts, 20 new endowed scholarships were established, 10 existing scholarships were increased and total giving grew to \$2.3 million from \$1.4 million the previous year. In November, we held our inaugural donor recognition dinner in order to thank alumni, friends, foundations and corporations who had contributed \$1,000 and above during our fiscal year 2007-2008. The indications are that 2008-2009 support will remain strong.

A great comfort in these current circumstances is higher education in general is



Dr. Alan G. Medders

one of, if not the oldest, continually operating institutions in America. With the founding of Harvard College in 1637, only 16 short years after the arrival of the pilgrims, individuals recognized the need for an educated population as a component of economic viability in the new world. Less than 200 years later, in 1830, citizens in North Alabama believed higher education was of utmost importance and founded LaGrange College. Since the formation of higher education institutions across America, the need, importance and significance of a college education has not diminished nor will it evaporate in the future. In fact, higher education will become more vital than ever before. So too, the mission and purpose of the University of North Alabama will be an important component of our state, regional, national and international success as we move forward. Institutions of higher education must be at the forefront of the next wave of economic, technical and scientific

revolution. Therefore making higher education accessible and affordable to our current and future students is of critical concern.

Your financial support of UNA is one way to insure the future of UNA is as vibrant and viable as the past. Higher education and UNA will be the best and most certain investment you can make in the future of our state, region, country and world. For more information on any of these options or more opportunities of how you can help, go to www.una.edu/iwanttohelp.

As we hit the road this spring and summer with all the alumni and friend events and activities, I look forward to seeing those that participated last year and encourage those who were not able to join us last year to plug in the event closest to you. UNA is truly proud to be a great institution with a wonderful "History in the Making" and we need your help to carry the PRIDE to the next generation of students and alumni.

Dr. Alan G. Medders,
Vice President for University Advancement
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While many inquire about the economic impact on UNA, they follow up with a more pertinent question by asking, "**What can I do to help?**" As I tell them I will tell you, it is quite simple: you can make a gift to UNA. I would like to highlight several ways that you as an alumnus or friend can impact the current and future success through your gift to UNA:

You can make a gift to UNA

 A gift of any amount can have an impact on UNA. Several question if their small gift even matters. The fact is when we approach private foundations and corporations, one of the first criteria they look at is alumni giving. They are not looking at the dollars raised but the percentage of alumni that give. Your \$50 gift to the UNA Alumni Pride Fund is important because it adds to the total number of alumni supporting UNA.

 Gifts to establish an endowed scholarship or to the unrestricted Scholarship Fund are important as well. For the upcoming academic year 2009-2010, \$430,589 will be available for student scholarships. New or increased endowed scholarships through the Lion Match Program will distribute an additional \$65,793 in University funds for a total of \$496,382 in student scholarships. Over 500 students will benefit from these scholarships this coming year.

 You can make a \$1,000 unrestricted gift to join the President's Cabinet. This unrestricted gift helps provide additional scholarship support, sponsor the numerous alumni events and support all the fundraising initiatives of the UNA Foundation. The President's Cabinet meets bi-annually with the President for university updates and participates in programs that feature current activities of UNA faculty, staff and students.

 You can consider making a gift through one of the many Planned Giving opportunities available: Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Remainder Trust, Charitable Lead Trust, Will, Bequest or Life Insurance.



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The Pair-A-Docs

In the many important issues that friends usually share—such as politics, economics and religion—Dr. Thomas Murray and Dr. Barry Morris could hardly differ more. But on one thing, the two professors are in complete agreement: the special place in their lives the University of North Alabama occupies. It is truly a paradox.

Dr. Murray, professor of chemistry, and Dr. Morris, professor of economics, retired from their respective departments at the end of the 2007 – 2008 academic year. Then why is Dr. Murray still with

bis students in the laboratory and Dr. Morris still in his classroom this year?

Both professors have agreed to teach their classes during the 2008 – 2009 academic year for little or no compensation. In lieu of receiving their salaries, the UNA Board of Trustees passed resolutions creating endowment accounts for scholarships in honor of their combined 70 years of service to the university. These endowments will benefit the departments of chemistry, English and economics and the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi.

DR. BARRY K. MORRIS

By Emily E. Beavers, Student Intern

Dr. Barry K. Morris, professor of economics and finance at UNA since 1974 and former department chair, is teaching for free. Technically retired, Dr. Morris and his colleague Dr. Thomas P. Murray both committed to teaching one extra year, donating their extra year's salaries toward permanent endowments established in their honor.

Dr. Morris was inspired to give an extra year of teaching by several different individuals.

"It's not my idea," said Dr. Morris. "I got the idea from Dr. Murray's former department chair, Dr. Raymond Isbell. I remember that Tom [Murray] told me many years ago that his department chair was going to retire, but he was going to teach for free for a semester. As soon as he told me that, I knew that when my time came, I was going to do that."

Dr. Morris is excited about continuing to teach and establish the endowment scholarship.

"I'm going to ease into my retirement. I'm going to retire, but I am spending a year doing something I really love. Being in the classroom with my students—what a great way to segue into retirement."

In a tribute to the main inspirations for his benevolence, the scholarship fund established to recognize Dr. Morris will be known as the Gladys and Basil Morris Permanent Endowment Scholarship Fund.

"Gladys and Basil Morris were my mother and father," said Dr. Morris. "My dad was a career Navy man, who served on the USS Hornet during WWII. My mother was a full-time homemaker, who on several occasions raised her three children alone while my dad was at sea. I don't believe I could ever thank them enough for the sacrifices they made to ensure that I had the opportunity to go to college."

"I have known for a long time that I would follow Dr. Raymond Isbell's example. I only wish I had had the idea before the deaths of my mother and father so I could have told them that what I was going to do would be in their honor."

Another motivator for Dr. Morris' generosity was a great benefactor to UNA.

"Some years ago, my good friend and generous benefactor to UNA, Bob Bottimore, gave \$12,000 to the Economics and Finance Department to be used solely for scholarships. He did this for three years prior to his death. With this money, the departmental faculty recruited many talented and ambitious students to major in economics and/or finance."

This generosity and the impact it had on the department encouraged Dr. Morris to move forward with his plans of teaching for free.

"I hope that Dr. Murray and I will inspire many of our colleagues at UNA to give another year to their departments after their retirements," said Dr. Morris. "Imagine the impact on the lives of UNA students all across campus that could be made with the hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships made available by retiring faculty, just by continuing to do for one more year something they really love to do."



DR. RAYMOND ISBELL

Dr. Raymond Isbell ('53), former UNA professor of Chemistry, was the first to give an extra year of teaching after his retirement in 1997.

"It was a return for a career that I thoroughly enjoyed," said Dr. Isbell.

Dr. Isbell is pleased that the legacy of giving that he began at UNA is continuing through the actions of Dr. Morris and Dr. Murray.

"I think a great deal of these two professors. I'm just grateful that I could have a positive influence. All the honor goes to them for giving of themselves."

DR. THOMAS P. MURRAY

Dr. Thomas P. Murray, Professor of chemistry for 36 years, is also giving an extra year of teaching to the university for free. Dr. Murray began teaching at UNA in 1972, and he officially retired in June 2008. Dr. Murray continued teaching full time during the 2008 academic year with the salary he would have earned going to establish three endowments. Dr. Murray is now the third chemistry professor to teach for free.

"Dr. Raymond Isbell, professor emeritus of chemistry, was the first, followed by Dr. Charles Richmond, professor emeritus. These men set a great example," said Dr. Murray.

Dr. Murray said that in his 36 years at UNA he has worked under four university presidents, and he has observed many changes.

"The journey we are on with Dr. Cale is taking UNA in a new direction that raises the bar for both the faculty and the students," said Dr. Murray. "I believe the Cale Presidency will be transformational for the academic community and I look forward to watching it unfold."

Dr. Murray is contributing to raising the bar at UNA with his example of benevolence.

The endowments established as a result of Dr. Murray's generosity are the Sandra Cowan Murray Permanent Endowment Scholarship Fund, the Robert Francis Pinkney Permanent Endowment Scholarship Fund and an endowment to benefit the Eleanor P. Gaunder Phi Kappa Phi Teaching Excellence Award.

The Sandra Cowan Murray Endowment is in honor of Dr. Murray's wife, who taught English for 30 years at Bradshaw High School and Florence High School. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of Florence High School pursuing a major in English.

"Sandy has always had an interest in language and teaching," said Dr. Murray. "Our daughter, Lynn, has a Ph. D in English and teaches, as well. One of the things that prompted me to do the English scholarship was to honor Sandy for her outstanding 30-year teaching career."

"Because of the careers of my wife and daughter, I became aware of the disparity that exists between the sciences and English when it comes to support for undergraduate and graduate education, hence the scholarship idea."

The Robert Francis Pinkney Endowment is in honor of Dr. Murray's grandfather, who immigrated to the United States from Yorkshire, England, in 1893.

"I named the scholarship to honor both him and my mother," said Dr. Murray.

The Pinkney Scholarship will be awarded to students pursuing a major in chemistry.

Dr. Murray's Phi Kappa Phi endowment will support the Eleanor P. Gaunder Phi Kappa Phi Teaching Excellence Award, which is given to an outstanding teacher each year. Each winner receives a \$1,000 award for advancement of his or her career.

Two other professors have committed to giving a free year of teaching when they retire, as well. Both Dr. Thomas Osborne, professor of history, and Dr. Clark Mueller, professor of history and political science have agreed to teach for free. Dr. Murray and Dr. Morris, as they had hoped, seem to have started a trend of giving at UNA.



When asked to write an article for the alumni magazine, my first question was, "Where do I start?"

2008 was a great year for UNA athletics!

In intercollegiate sports, we don't often take time to reflect on our past success due to the upcoming challenges, such as the upcoming game, recruiting quality student-athletes, preparing for summer camps, and motivating our student-athletes in the classroom. However, I would like to highlight some of the outstanding accomplishments of our coaching staff.

During 2008, over 120 student-athletes earned a 3.2 grade point average in at least one term. Our basketball team earned a trip to the Elite Eight, our Men's Golf team was National Runner-Up, and our football team played their way to the National Semifinals. In fact, 11 of 12 sports programs qualified for post-season competition. What an amazing year!

On top of the success in the classroom and on the field of competition, our students are engaged members of the campus and the Shoals community. Many of our coaches and student-athletes have invested time reading to local elementary school children, participating in a father-son initiative, and contributing to the local Boys and Girls Club. Our hope is that we can use our talent in sport as a platform to make a positive impact in the Shoals area.

2008 was also a year of transition for our staff.

After 25 years of coaching our baseball team, Mike Lane retired. We all know he was a great baseball coach, but one thing became very apparent from the outpouring of many of his former players. He had an impact on many lives and helped shape young men in becoming productive members of society. We were also very fortunate to have a quality person who served the program for 20 years as the assistant coach ready to take the reins.

Mike Keehn was an instrumental part of North Alabama's tremendous success over the last two decades. UNA enjoyed 20 straight winning seasons with Keehn on staff and has posted a combined 720-318-7 record over that time. UNA has won four Gulf South Conference baseball titles and made seven

NCAA Tournament appearances since Keehn's arrival in Florence. We are all looking forward to Keehn's first year as the head coach and expect him to have a great future.

In mid-December, head football coach Mark Hudspeth resigned from UNA after seven seasons and 66 wins with the Lions. Coach Hudspeth leaves us having won a remarkable 75 percent of his football games. During his tenure, our football program won two Gulf South Conference Championships

Mark Hudspeth (2003 and 2007) and made five NCAA playoff appearances (2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008). Due to his leadership, we have a current streak of four straight seasons with 10 wins or more and four straight playoff appearances. We certainly appreciate the job Coach Hudspeth did at UNA and the success he brought our University. He is leaving us with a firm foundation and we wish him only the best at Mississippi State.

On the last day of 2008, we hired Terry Bowden as the Lions' head football coach. Bowden brings a career record of 111-53-2 in 15 seasons as a head coach to North Alabama. As head coach of the Auburn Tigers from 1993-98, he won 73 percent of his games and posted the best opening five-year run of any head football coach in school history. In fact,

he accomplished a feat that no other Division IA coach had ever accomplished - he was undefeated and untied in his first year as a Division IA head coach. He was selected as National Coach of the Year three times and by three different institutions. So, we are excited to have Coach Bowden as part of the UNA family and expect him to have a great future, as well.

2009 will be a year of excellence and passion!

Our mission to "Graduate Champions" will remain the same, but we will strive to get better. Our purpose, coupled with our passion will allow us to reach greater heights. Our coaches, our staff, our student-athletes, our university, our community, and our alumni deserve our best efforts in aspiring to a higher form of excellence, while inspiring others to greatness.

We are so excited about our future. We also look forward to sharing our successes with you along the way. Thanks for your interest and support of UNA athletics. As always, "It's a great day to be a Lion!"

ROAR LIONS!
Mark Linder

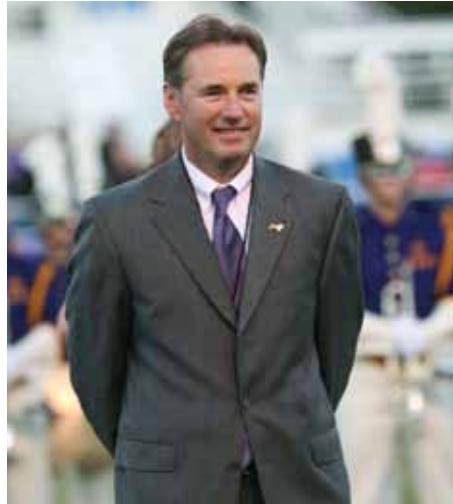


Mark Linder, UNA Athletic Director

UNA ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME ADDS SIX INDUCTEES IN 2008

The nineteenth class of inductees into the University of North Alabama Athletic Hall of Fame included a couple of two-time All-Americans, two former Lion athletes who also returned to coach at UNA, a basketball player who scored more than 1,500 points and a former football player who enjoyed a long and successful coaching career across north Alabama.

On Oct. 25, 2008, former Lion football players Gerald Smith and the late Merle West; former baseball standout Greg Bowles; former volleyball and women's tennis player and volleyball and softball coach Ande Jones; former tennis standout and tennis and cross country coach Kevin Bradford; and former basketball star Steve Martin, became the latest inductees into UNA's Athletic Hall of Fame. Since its creation in 1990, the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame inducted four members each year through 2005. Beginning in 2006, that number was expanded to six, and 2008 marked the third year with six honorees. There have been 82 total inductees into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame.



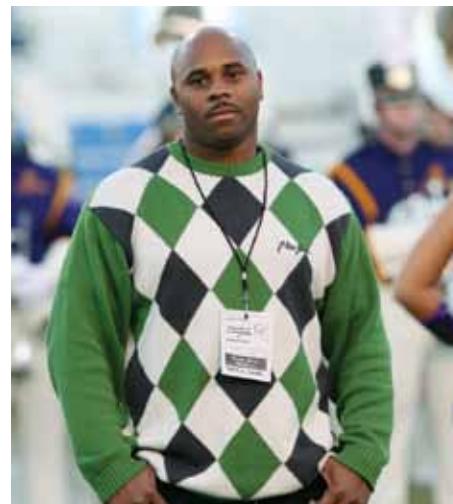
KEVIN BRADFORD



STEVE MARTIN



ANDE JONES



GERALD SMITH

CLASS OF 2008

KEVIN BRADFORD

Tennis 1981-82
Women's Tennis Coach ... 1991-92
Cross Country Coach 1990-91

ANDE JONES

Volleyball..... 1972-75
Volleyball Coach 1976, 79-94
Softball Coach..... 1983-94

GREG BOWLES

Baseball..... 1990, 1992

STEVE MARTIN

Men's Basketball 1986-87
1989-90

GERALD SMITH

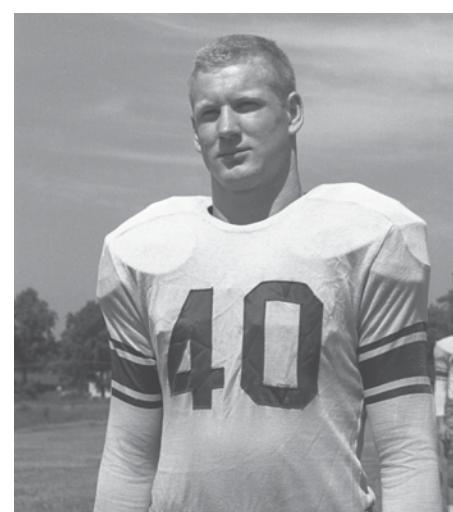
Football..... 1993-96

MERLE WEST

Football..... 1952-54



GREG BOWLES



MERLE WEST

UNIVERSITY HONORS MCKINNON FOR HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

UNA President Dr. William Cale, Jr. (left) and UNA Athletic Director Mark Linder (right) stand with former Lion All-American Ronald McKinnon at halftime of the Lions' 2008 game against Harding. McKinnon returned to UNA for the game as the University honored him for his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., in July. McKinnon is the first UNA player to receive the ultimate collegiate football honor and was a first-ballot selection after his retirement from 10 years in the National Football League.



JOSH WILLINGHAM JOINS WASHINGTON NATIONALS

After five seasons in the Major Leagues with the Florida Marlins, former UNA baseball All-American Josh Willingham was traded to the Washington Nationals following the 2008 campaign. Willingham, who played at UNA from 1998-2000, has hit 63 home runs in the Major Leagues and has a .266 career batting average in 1,422 at bats. He had 156 career extra-base hits with the Marlins and drove in 219 runs.

EVAN OGLESBY HELPS BALTIMORE RAVENS REACH AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Former University of North Alabama defensive back Evan Oglesby helped the Baltimore Ravens reach the America Football Conference Championship Game in the National Football League playoffs. Oglesby, who played for the Dallas Cowboys in 2007, was traded back to the Baltimore Ravens prior to the 2008 season. He had been a member of the Ravens team in 2005 and 2006. Oglesby finished the regular season with 14 tackles and then added three more stops in the Ravens' 23-14 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC Championship Game.



LIONS REACH SEMIFINALS OF NCAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS; MILWEE IS RUNNER-UP FOR HARLON HILL TROPHY

For the fourth straight season the University of North Alabama football team made a run at the NCAA Division II National Championship but bowed out in the semifinal round with a road loss at Northwest Missouri State.

The Lions had a 12-2 record, making the senior class of 2008 the first in school history to win 10 or more games in four consecutive seasons. The group that included 21 seniors had a combined 44-8 record from 2005-08, made four straight playoff appearances and were nationally ranked in 49 consecutive polls.

With two playoff wins in 2008, UNA also now ranks first among all current NCAA Division II institutions with 26 total playoff victories.

UNA quarterback A.J. Milwee, who threw for 3,313 yards and 27 touchdowns

and rushed for another 257 yards and six TDs, finished as the runner-up for the Harlon Hill Trophy as the NCAA Division II College Football Player of the Year. A three-year starter for the Lions, Milwee had a 33-5 record as the starting quarterback for the Lions and set virtually every UNA career passing and total offense mark. He threw for 8,436 yards, completing 677 of 1,030 pass attempts. He had 73 touchdown passes and accounted for 9,401 yards of total offense.

Five different UNA players received All-American recognition and three were invited to play in the Cactus Bowl Division II All-Star Game.

A record 16 UNA players were named to the All-Gulf South Conference team and 13 players were All-Region selections.

FOOTBALL ALL-AMERICANS DAKTRONICS ALL-AMERICAN

FIRST-TEAM

Mike Johnson	LB
Tom Schneider.....	PK
David Raymond	DB

SECOND-TEAM

Will Batson	P
Sam Hathorn.....	OL

AFCA ALL-AMERICAN

FIRST-TEAM

Will Batson	P
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ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-AMERICAN

FIRST-TEAM

Tom Schneider.....	PK
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SECOND-TEAM

Sam Hathorn.....	OL
David Raymond	DB

THIRD-TEAM

Will Batson	P
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CACTUS BOWL DIVISION II ALL-STAR GAME

Tom Schneider.....	PK
Mike McLendon.....	RB
Ed Gant	WR

HARLON HILL TROPHY FINALIST

A.J. Milwee.....	QB
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UNA FALL SPORTS WRAPUP

Football	12-2.....	2nd in GSC
Volleyball	24-11.....	2nd in GSC
Women's Cross Country	68-46.....	5th in GSC
Men's Cross Country.....	24-66.....	9th in GSC
Women's Soccer	8-11-1.....	6th in GSC

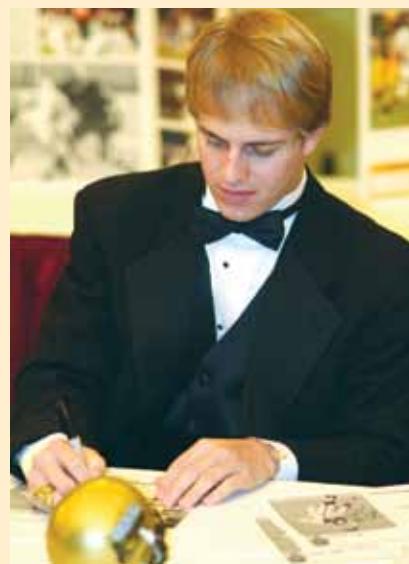
VOLLEYBALL ALL-AMERICAN AVCA ALL-AMERICAN

SECOND-TEAM

Whitney Sanders



A. J. Milwee and Harlon Hill



A. J. Milwee



"Not long ago it became very evident to me that I needed to get back into coaching in order to re-establish my personal commitment to making a difference in the lives of young men. The University of North Alabama, which has been making a difference in young people's lives for generations, is the perfect fit for such a commitment."

Roar Lions! Terry Bowden



CLASS NOTES

19 50s

Dorothy Mize McDonald ('55) recently retired from guidance counseling at Southside High School after 30 years of service. She lives in New Orleans, Louisiana, and has one daughter.

James Thomas ('56) is retired and lives with wife Margie in Union Grove, Alabama.

Junior "Wimpy" Gillespie ('56) is a retired coach and teacher. He and wife Unita live in Hillsboro, Alabama.

Carolyn Griffin Stringer ('57) is a facilities manager for The Krystal Company. She and husband Scott live in Signal Mountain, Tennessee.

Samuel Graham ('59) is retired and lives in Moulton, Alabama, with his wife, Doyle. They have six grown children and 14 grandchildren.

Martha E. Hunt ('59) is an accountant for the state of Tennessee. She and husband Thomas live in Nashville, Tennessee.

19 60s

Dr. Jim R. Bevis ('60) is President of CSR Ministries, an international, Christian Renewal ministry, which he co-directs with his wife, Anne. They have traveled to more than 50 countries of the world doing renewal conferences, seminars and retreats. They have four daughters and 11 grandchildren. Jim and Anne are semi-retired and live in Florence, Alabama.

Joseph B. Fairer ('62) became the chief bookkeeper at the

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Fabric Mill. In 1969, he moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he worked for General Finance Corporation and later, Trust Company of Georgia. Then he joined the United States Navy and completed a nine and one-half year career, achieving the rank of Intelligence Specialist First Class. He traveled aboard the USS Nimitz to countries including Brazil, Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Turkey. He retired and now lives in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, with his wife, Margaret.

Betty Dean Newman ('62) taught for 23 years at Athens State University in Athens, Alabama. She retired as Professor and Chair of Elementary Education. She now serves as the Director of Continuous Improvement and Accreditation (as a consultant) for the College of Education at UNA. Betty is Editor of the Reading Paradigm, a journal of the Alabama Reading Association. She also is conference consultant for the ARA. Husband **Julian Newman ('62)** is retired from the U.S. Army Missile Command as contract specialist. They live in Athens and are involved in the area alumni chapter.

Gloria R. Smith ('63) is retired and lives in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Mary Strickland Shelton ('65) and husband **Wayne ('68)** are retired and reside in Lafayette, Georgia.

Martha Gunter Hill ('68) is retired and lives in Jasper, Tennessee. She attends alumni meetings with the Chattanooga Tri-State alumni chapter.

Martha Jones ('69) is retired from TVA. She and husband **Marion Jones ('74)** live in Hixson, Tennessee. They attend alumni meetings in Chattanooga.

19 70s

James Boyles ('70) and wife **Sandra ('73)** reside in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

George Donnie White ('70) is a business administrator at Highland Baptist Church. He and wife Charlotte live in Florence, Alabama.

Charles Inman ('71) is a Regional Manager for Helms Briscoe, the largest hotel-site selection company. His wife, Kathy, is the senior administrative assistant for the Vice President of Advancement at UNA. They live in Florence, Alabama.

Terry Moore ('71) is the Director of Business Solutions for Windstream Communications. His wife, **Camilla ('72)** is the Executive Assistant at Shaw Industries, Inc. They reside in Cohutta, Georgia.

Noel D. Tallon ('71) is President of Noel D. Tallon, CPA, PC. He and wife Linda live in Huntsville, Alabama.

Richard Duraine Davis ('72, '76, & '80) is a biology teacher at Hamilton High School and will retire in May of 2009. Wife **Carolyn ('81)** recently retired as a Wal-Mart department manager. They live in Hamilton, Alabama.

Peggy Walker Hale ('72) and husband Gene reside in Hixson, Tennessee.

James R. Peck ('73) is retired and lives in Rogersville, Alabama, with his wife, Brenda.

Thomas R. Beck ('75) is retired and lives in Leadville, Colorado.

Laura Killen Ray ('75) is currently employed as an adjunct professor of distance learning for junior

and senior level elementary education students at Athens State University. She resides in Vinemont, Alabama.

MAJ. James Richards, Jr. ('75) is part of an Army program that takes volunteer retirees in good shape to return to active duty. James is currently stationed at Victory Base in Baghdad, Iraq. He and his family live in Huntsville, Alabama.

Dennis Rorex ('75) is a part-time, on-site coordinator for World Strides. His wife, **Sharon ('76)** and he are both retired and live in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Danny Vinson ('77) can be found in *"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"*, appearing very early in the movie as a priest giving last rites. He's only in the film briefly, but it is an intense and pivotal scene, and he has one great full-screen close-up.

Charlotte Camper ('77) is the Director of Programs for At-Risk Youth in the Youth Learning Institute at Clemson University. She resides in Columbia, South Carolina.

Doris Metcalf ('78), a retired educator, authored 13 resource books on computers, African-American history, science, and creative thinking.

Ramona Robinson ('78, '82, & '97) is the principal at West Elementary school. She was chosen as Alabama's National Distinguished Principal and traveled to Washington, D.C., to represent Alabama at the National Principal's Convention. She and husband Jeff live in Russellville, Alabama.

Dr. Richard D. Welch ('78) is the Senior Pastor at Meek Baptist Church. He and wife Karon reside in Arley, Alabama.

Helen Howard ('79) is the Community Relations Manager for Barnes & Noble in Tempe, Arizona. She lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

Stanley Nelson ('79) was named Secondary Teacher of the Year in Limestone County. He teaches at Ardmore High School in Alabama.

Leella Holt ('80 & '92) is a chemistry teacher at Muscle Shoals High School and is currently pursuing her Eds in Secondary Science Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Alabama. She lives in Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

1980s

Cathy Kellum ('80 & '82) is the Public Services librarian for Ohio Dominican University/Spangler Learning Center. She and husband Christopher live in Plain City, Ohio.

Dr. Stewart D. Waddell ('80) is a child and adolescent psychiatrist. He and his wife, Missy, live in Birmingham, Alabama.

Robert Blunt ('81) is a technical solutions consultant for Hewlett-Packard. He and wife Annette live in Huntsville, Alabama.

Reginald Shawn Haygood ('81) is a school counselor and psychologist at Midway Elementary School. He attended graduate school at Georgia State University and the University of Georgia and obtained degrees in clinical and school counseling and school psychology. He lives with his wife and daughter in Milledgeville, Georgia.

Jan Irons Harris ('82) is the Superintendent of Cullman City Schools and recently published a book called "The Principal's Office", a primer for balanced leadership. She served as principal for 16 years and offers advice from her experience to others. She and husband Dennis live in Cullman, Alabama.

Stuart Beaton ('83) is the owner of Stuart Beaton Consulting. He and wife Angela live in Brentwood, Tennessee.

Deborah Wells Hammon ('83) is the Product Manager at Canyon Creek Trading Company. She and husband **Charles ('82)** live in Richardson, Texas.

Douglas Johnson ('83) is the President, Executive Producer, and owner of Entertainment Plus Productions, Inc. The company has produced a number of events, including New Year's Eve for the Bellagio hotel's private VIP event, the Grammy's after party, celebrity events, and corporate events. He married his partner, Kenneth Shepski, last year. They live in Los Angeles, California.

Janet M. Waller ('83) is the University Registrar at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She lives with her husband, David, in Madison, Alabama.

La Wanda Emmons Patterson ('84) is a senior electrical engineering associate with Sheffield Utilities. She is working on an MBA from Columbia Southern University in Business Administration with a concentration in Public Administration. She and husband Jimmy live with their family in Sheffield, Alabama.

Mark D. Foster ('85) is an Associate Professor of Finance at the University of North Alabama. His wife, **Debra ('87)**, is a homemaker. They have two sons and live in Florence, Alabama.

Pam Phillips-Burk ('85) is a clergy member at Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She and husband David have one daughter and live in Madison, Alabama.

Tina Downs ('86) has been named Elementary Teacher of the Year in Limestone County. She teaches at Clements High School and lives in Clements, Alabama, with her husband, Ron, and son Jessie.

Michael Gooch ('86) is a Canali Clothing Specialist with Saks Fifth Avenue in Boston, Massachusetts. He and wife Angela live in Needham, Massachusetts.

Deborah Hawks Huber ('86) is the senior analyst with System Studies and Simulation, Inc. She is also the senior analyst with the Joint Attack Munitions Systems Logistics Directorate at Redstone Arsenal. She resides in Decatur, Alabama.

Pamela Pruitt Anderson ('87) is the Attendance Supervisor with Madison County Schools. She lives in Meridianville, Alabama.

Camilla Peck English ('87) is the public health senior environmentalist for the Alabama Department of Public Health. She resides in Bay Minette, Alabama.

Craig Sockwell ('87) is a chemistry instructor. He and wife Suanne live in Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Kay Newsome ('88) is a plant health specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She works in the Texas Karnal Bunt Eradication project in Olney, Texas. As a member of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Tactical Enforcement Team at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Newsome was one of the recipients of the 2008 Dallas/Fort Worth Federal Executive Board's Excellence in Public Service Award for Law Enforcement. She was the first person ever assigned to the team who was not a Law Enforcement officer. She currently resides in Decatur, Texas.

Marilyn Estes Underwood ('88) is the Director of Student Affairs in the College of Public Health at the University of Kentucky. She lives in Lexington, Kentucky.

Larry W. Adams ('89) is an Associate Professor of English at UNA. He and wife Peggy live in Athens, Alabama.

Evelyn Hester Scott ('89) is a resource teacher at Phil Campbell High School. She and husband Dale live in Russellville, Alabama.

Gayla Whitehead ('89) is the Director of Village Children's Center. She and husband William live in Florence, Alabama.

1990s

David C. Styles ('90) started a company, High Tide Exterior Cleaning Solutions, with his wife, Stephanie. They reside in St. Augustine Beach, Florida.

Claudia Polo Vance ('90) is Associate Professor of Spanish at UNA. Her husband, **Larry Vance ('90)**, is an accountant for the Lauderdale County Board of Education. They live in Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Douglas D. Davis ('91) is the publisher and president of Lamar Democrat, Inc. He was appointed to the Board of Governors of

Missouri Southern State University by Missouri Governor Matt Blunt.

Mark Morgan ('91) is a Chaplain with the United States Army. He is currently stationed in Iraq. Mark's wife, **Tracey ('84 & '91)**, and he reside in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

William Shane Seay ('91) is the County Executive Director for USDA/Farm Service Agency. His wife, **April ('94)**, is a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner at Athens Internal Medicine. They reside in Athens, Alabama.

Tracy Harlan Futrell ('92 & '00) is a payroll manager for Coffee Health Group. Her husband, **Keith ('91)**, is a DME technician for Milner Rushing Drugs. They live in Florence, Alabama.

Patricia Bryant Hartley ('92) recently accepted a position as a loan officer at Bank Independent's Muscle Shoals' branch. She and husband Douglas reside in Florence, Alabama.

Scott Gilliland ('93) is an attorney in a private practice. He lives in Vestavia Hills, Alabama.

Chris Hagler ('93) is the new band director with Fort Payne High School in Alabama. He and his wife have three children.

Kimberly Phillips ('93) is a technical analyst with Verizon Wireless. She lives in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Susan Taylor Stigler ('93) works with the Tennessee Republican Party and helps run campaigns for candidates. She and husband Tony live with their family in Kenton, Tennessee.

Leigh Ann Wilson ('93) is a PhD candidate at the University of Memphis. She and husband Thomas relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina, to continue their dissertation research.

Robert Scott Adams ('94) is President and voice talent of Dialects on Demand. He lives in Seattle, Washington.

Brittany Lynn Scott ('94) is a marketing director for AEED, Inc. and resides with her husband, John-Paul, in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Steven Sisk ('94) is a social worker with Crestwood Medical Center. He and wife Michelle live in Harvest, Alabama.

Connie Watson Ward ('94) is the restaurant owner of Stanlieo's Sub Villa. She and husband Ken live in Huntsville, Alabama.

Philip Peterson ('95) is an attorney at law with an office in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. He and wife Amy live with their children, Beck and Raina, in Trussville, Alabama.

John Simpson ('95) is a U.S. Army Officer. He and his wife, Sherri, live in Lacey, Washington. John is currently deployed in Iraq.

Andy W. Davis ('96) is an instructor for Cokesbury School for the Arts as well as the comptroller of a local law firm where he lives in Pensacola, Florida. He recently played a lead role in Pensacola's Little Theatre production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Cecelia Hagood ('96 & '98) is the Choral Director with Shadowlawn Middle School. Husband **Brian ('94 & '99)** is an ROTC Instructor with the University of Memphis. They reside in Bartlett, Tennessee.

Kelli Denson Smith Mealer ('96) is an admissions representative for Concorde Career College. Her husband, Chris, and she live in Cordova, Tennessee.

Yolanda Ramirez-Phalen ('96) is an investor with Century 21 Home Team. She and husband Dennis live in Mountain Brook, Alabama.

Bradley Todd White ('96) is the Associate Minister of Recreation at Green Acres Baptist Church. He lives in Tyler, Texas.

Susan Rose Gabbard Zeissler ('96) was named Nurse of the Year at Crestwood Hospital. She is a clinical coordinator in the intensive care unit. She and her husband, Chuck, live in Huntsville, Alabama.

Bradley Thomas Cook ('97) is the National Sales Manager for Creative Co-Op, Inc. He and his wife, Rachel, live with their daughter in Hernando, Mississippi. Rachel is the National Account Sales Director of Creative Co-Op, Inc.

Carea Alexander ('98) recently gave birth to a son, Jeremiah. She and husband Michael live in Douglasville, Georgia.

Rhonda Condrey ('98) is a registered nurse with Eliza Coffee

Memorial Hospital. Husband **Jerry ('73)** is a systems analyst for Condrey Consultants. They live in Florence, Alabama.

Dr. E. Mark Laughlin ('98) is Assistant Professor of piano at Georgia Southwestern State University. He is also the author of numerous publications and is a competitive martial artist. He resides in Americus, Georgia.

Jason Thomas Regg ('98) is a Right of Way specialist with TVA. His wife **Michelle ('00)** is an ESL teacher with Whitfield County Schools. They reside in Ooltewah, Tennessee.

Heath Grimes ('99 & '04) is the Superintendent of Education for Lawrence County Schools. He and wife **Amy ('98)** live with their family in Moulton, Alabama.

Amanda Putman Hicks ('99) works for Huntsville Hospital Human Resources as a generalist and provides Human Resources Management Services to HealthGroup of Alabama. She currently resides in Athens, Alabama, with her daughter, Tess.

Jeri Michele Turner Horton ('99 & '02) is a fifth-grade teacher with Muscle Shoals City Schools. She and husband William and daughter Jami live in Tuscumbia, Alabama. Son Josh is a freshman at UNA.

Angela Hulsey ('99) is the Assistant District Attorney for the Colbert County District Attorney's Office. She and husband Brad live in Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Brandi Lamon ('99) is the Director of External Affairs and Development for the College of Engineering at the University of Alabama. She resides in Northport, Alabama.

Clinton P. Carter ('00) has accepted a position with Intergraph Corporation as the Director of Corporate Development. He and wife **Rebecca ('02)** live in Huntsville, Alabama. Clint is a member of the UNA President's Cabinet. They are both active in the greater Huntsville alumni chapter.

Candace Grissom ('00) was recently appointed as the new Graduate Teaching Assistant

Administrator in the English Department at Middle Tennessee State University. She supervises all PhD and MA level Graduate Teaching Assistants in their teaching assignments. She resides in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Krislyn Harbin ('00) is the administrator of academic programs at Auburn University. Her husband, **Levorn ('99)**, is a defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for Tuskegee University. They live in Auburn, Alabama.

Lee Talbert ('00) is a Senior Sales Analyst with U.S. Smokeless Tobacco. He and wife Danielle live in Salisbury, North Carolina.

Erin Bloxham ('01) is a Sustainability Director with Valley Innovation Alliance. She lives in Hazel Green, Alabama.

Amy Boller ('01) is currently employed with Aviagen Inc., as a global marketing event planner. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Huntsville Young Professionals. Amy resides in Huntsville, Alabama.

Joy Griggs ('01) is the Director of Residence Life at Agnes Scott College. She lives in Decatur, Georgia.

Shanquita Hambrick ('01) is a technical coordinator with Deltha Critique on Redstone Arsenal. She lives with her son in Madison, Alabama.

Anthony Joiner ('01) is a UXO data manager for Tetra Tech EC in Huntsville, Alabama. He and wife Alexia live in Madison, Alabama.

Amanda Elaine Martin-Darty ('01) is a registered nurse at the Children's Medical Center in Dallas. She and her husband, Jamie, live with their son in Little Elm, Texas.

Emily A. Ackley ('02) is a critical care pediatric nurse at The Children's Hospital of Alabama. She lives in Birmingham, Alabama.

Shawn Dalrymple ('02) is a Captain in the United States Army. He and wife **Sherry Nance ('03)**, live in Grovetown, Georgia.

Prince Damons ('02) is working on his first music album, "Atmospheric Soul." He has spent the past few years as a songwriter, performer, and producer. He lives in Corinth, Mississippi.

Donna Franklin ('02) is a personal trainer and operator of Resolution Fitness in Montgomery, Alabama.

Rhonda Lynn Gable ('02) is a Right of Way Specialist with the Alabama Department of Transportation. She lives in Phil Campbell, Alabama.

Brian Scott Mitchell ('02) is the Assistant Athletic Director for Business Operations, Game Operations and Event Management at Tulane University. He lives in New Orleans, Louisiana.

La Tanya Pointer ('02) is a revenue compliance officer with the Alabama Department of Revenue. She and her husband, Ryan, live in Athens, Alabama.

Jaclyn Prance ('02) is a business/marketing instructor at Hazlewood High School. Her husband **Timothy ('03)**, is Superintendent of Project Controls at Stone and Webster at Brown's Ferry. They live with their two children in Decatur, Alabama.

Kara Baughn Tittle ('02) is a history teacher with Walker High School. She and husband Todd live in Nauvoo, Alabama with their son, Cale.

Alan Torres ('02) works as a technology support specialist for Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis. He lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

Gerrick Vickery ('02) is Assistant District Attorney with the Morgan County District Attorney's Office. His wife, **Misty Marlar Vickery ('01)**, is a Customer Relations Manager with J.F. Day & Company/Pella Windows & Doors. They reside in Madison, Alabama.

Bridgette Jefferson-Naylor ('03) is a quality manager with Johns Manville. Her husband, Milton, and she live in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Laurie Senkbeil ('03) is the residential director for Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center. She lives with her husband and family in Phil Campbell, Alabama.

Amy Weaver ('03) is a stay-at-home mom. She and husband Cain have two children and reside in Florence, Alabama.

Misty Williams ('03) is a Medicaid Eligibility specialist with Alabama Medicaid Agency. She resides in Hoover, Alabama.

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Mollie Baltimore ('04) is the membership coordinator for Air-Evac. She lives in Manchester, Tennessee.

Jennifer Jackson Bishop ('04) is a system analyst for COLSA Corporation. She recently gave birth to a baby girl, Shelley, and lives with her husband, James, in Huntsville, Alabama.

Darnell Boddie, Jr. ('04) is the Senior Metallurgical Engineer with Alcoa and lives in Davenport, Iowa.

Amy Clark ('04 & '07) is a Program Analyst for Intuitive Research and Technology Corporation. She and husband Josh live in Hazel Green, Alabama, and recently welcomed a new son to their family, Colton David Clark.

Keenan Glynnette Fowlkes ('04 & '07) is a teacher with West Elementary School. Husband **Michael ('06)** is data communications specialist for Cullman City Schools. They reside in Cullman, Alabama.

Charles Groves ('04) is a police officer with the Tuscaloosa Police Department. He and wife Cherish live in Northport, Alabama.

Stephanie Tipper ('04) is now a self-managed model who appears on runways, in magazines, and in pageants. After appearing on *The Bachelor* on ABC television network, she settled into her new career of modeling. She resides in Folly Beach, South Carolina.

Christopher Westbrook ('04, '06, & '08) is the Assistant Principal at Harlan/Weeden Elementary Schools. Wife **Tammy ('97 & '04)** is a homemaker. They have two daughters and reside in Killen, Alabama.

Essie Wriley Brock ('05) is a network technician for Cadence Bank N.A. She and husband Jeremy live in Columbus, Mississippi.

Joseph Carroll ('05) is the COO of MRC Design Group. He lives in Meridianville, Alabama.

Laura Murray Dulton ('05) is a contracts manager at TVA. Her husband, **Luke ('05)**, and she reside in Apison, Tennessee.

David L. Hamil ('05) is the Executive Director of Telcordia Technologies. He lives in Tanner, Alabama.

Taylor Criswell ('06) is band director at Cordova High School in Tennessee. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in music education.

Adrienne Jill (DePoyster) Glenn ('06) is a contract manager for TVA. She and her husband, Eule, live in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Amber Barnes Hall ('06) is a social studies teacher at Huntsville High School. She and husband William reside in Madison, Alabama.

Christen Hand ('06) is an Account Executive with Blue Olive Consulting, LLC. She lives in Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Melanie Harvell ('06) is a case manager for Ability Alliance of West Alabama. She and husband Richard reside in Eutaw, Alabama.

Debra Madjlesi ('06) received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science (PAEMT). The PAEMT is the highest honor a K-12 science or math teacher can receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. She teaches biology at Corinth High School and lives in Corinth, Mississippi.

James M. Mock, III ('06) is a sales professional with Dillard's. He is working toward a master's degree from Grand Canyon University. James recently moved to Charleston, South Carolina, to pursue a new job, finish school, and to settle into the education system there.

Joseph "Skip" Nichols ('06) was recently promoted to Site Director of Sunride Lodge, a substance abuse rehabilitation center owned by Riverbend Center for Mental Health. He also teaches psychology for Northwest Shoals Community College, Faulkner University, and Athens State University. Joseph is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in General Psychology. He and wife Candy reside in Tuscumbia, Alabama.

Chris Smith ('06) is the entertainment coordinator for

the Nashville Predators Hockey team. His wife, **Megan ('06)**, is a kindergarten teacher at Henry Maxwell Elementary School. They live in Cane Ridge, Tennessee.

Jason Stuart Beason ('07) is a freight coordinator at the corporate office of U.S. Xpress. He lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Natalie Cowans ('07) is a Senior Customer Service Representative with Verizon Wireless. She lives in Antioch, Tennessee.

Rene L. Crawford ('07) is a registered nurse for ECM hospital. She lives in Killen, Alabama.

John Pounders ('07) is a logistics management specialist with the U.S. Army. He lives in Huntsville, Alabama.

Cilia Bullard Smith ('07) is the band director for Susan Moore High School. She and husband Dustin live in Horton, Alabama.

Jerrell Vinson ('07) is the regional sales manager for Nucor Steel. He will be relocating to Houston, Texas, in December to continue that position.

Courtney White ('07) is the Editor for IFDC (International Center for Soil Fertility and Agricultural Development). She lives in Florence, Alabama.

Robyn Zills ('07) is a staff writer/reporter for the Journal Record. She and husband Eric live in Hamilton, Alabama.

Dottie Eagle-Andrews ('08) and husband **Mark ('07)** live in Paris, Tennessee. Mark is the Director of Bands at Henry County High School.

Luis D. Fisher ('08) is a substitute teacher with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools. Luis lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

Meagan Hallmark ('08) is an industrial hygienist at Bridgestone Americas. She and husband Matt live in Hermitage, Tennessee.

Yuka Kimura ('08) works with Ernst & Young, Atlanta office as an auditor. She recently moved to Atlanta, Georgia.

Victoria Lynne Lauderdale ('08) is a student at the UAB Graduate School for Occupational Therapy. She lives in Moulton, Alabama.

Shireen Matar ('08) is a media teacher at Bethlehem Bible College in Bethlehem, Palestine.

Jamie Moorer ('08) is a national promotions coordinator with Black River Music Group. She lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mary Nicole Nix ('08) is a fourth-grade teacher at Greenville Elementary School. She lives in Andalusia, Alabama.

Philip Posey, Jr. ('08) is an IT Specialist with Marshall Space Flight Center. He lives in Decatur, Alabama.

Bradley Stephens ('08) is a PE teacher and basketball coach at Pleasant Home School in Andalusia, Alabama.

James Terry Todd ('08) is an RN, MSN and nursing instructor. He lives in Nettleton, Mississippi.

Ruthanna B. Vincent ('08) is a Registered Nurse. She and husband Daniel live in Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida.

Chase Wright ('08) is an Engineer Representative with Alagasco. His wife, **Lauren ('06)**, is the Associate Manager at the Z Gallery. They reside in Birmingham, Alabama.

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UNA Alum President of ALABAMA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Pat Stegall ('79 & '89) received both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Music Education at the University of North Alabama. He is a past chairman of the Alabama Bandmasters Association District Three and is

 active as a clinician and judge for band festivals throughout the southeast. Stegall is a member of the prestigious *Phi Beta Mu* honorary band fraternity. In 2004, Stegall was Teacher of the Year for the Muscle Shoals City School System and was named

Colbert County Teacher of the Year by the Wal-Mart Company in December 2008. Stegall is currently president of the Alabama Music Education Association.

During his 20-year tenure at Muscle Shoals High School, the bands have consistently received superior ratings at Marching, Concert and Jazz Festivals, including Grand Champion Awards at Vanderbilt University and Pinson Valley, The All Star Music Festival in Orlando, and four consecutive Class A championships at the Bands of America Regional competition in the Atlanta Georgia Dome. Most recently the band at Muscle Shoals received the 4A Challenge Trophy at the Dixie Pride Marching Competition in Decatur, Ala. The Symphonic Band has a string of 14 superior ratings at state band assessment.

Stegall attributes his success to the excellent students, staff and administrative support afforded him at Muscle Shoals. He is married to **Mary Ann Stratford Stegall ('79)** and is an avid crappie fisherman.

LOCAL CONTRACTOR RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL AWARD

B&A Contractors, Inc., based in Florence, recently received international recognition for achievements in the field of Shotcrete (commonly referred to as Gunite). The award recognition, in the form of "2008-09 Project of the Year in the field of Restoration and Rehabilitation," is given by the American Shotcrete Association (ASA).

The American Shotcrete Association, headquartered in Farmington Hills, Mich., is a non-profit organization of contractors, suppliers, manufacturers, designers, engineers, owners, and others with a common interest in promoting the use of Shotcrete. Formed in March 1998 to increase awareness of the Shotcrete process, ASA is the leading professional organization in the area of Shotcrete.

B&A Contractors received confirmation of the award. "I was shocked," stated **Keith A. Holmes ('74)**, President of B&A Contractors, "Our project went up against contractors from across the United States and internationally. This is a great accomplishment for our company and especially our team of employees."



Professional SUMMER THEATRE at UNA

Last summer's 're-introduction' of professional summer theatre at UNA was a tremendous success!

Nearly 2,500 people attended the productions of Will Stutts' MARK TWAIN'S AMERICA, the Tammy Wynette musical, STAND BY YOUR MAN, and VICKI LAWRENCE and Mama!

Be a part of continuing this tradition at UNA by planning now to attend the summer 2009 series of productions.

WE ARE NEGOTIATING NOW with some truly 'big names' in the entertainment industry to come to UNA during the month of July and will be announcing the season within the next month.

Make sure you are 'on the inside track' for information and tickets...add your name NOW to our contacts list for all the latest information, and MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S NOW for July 2009!

Will Stutts ('70)

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UNA HOSTS ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

The University of North Alabama hosted its annual Veterans Day celebration on Nov. 11 at the Memorial Amphitheatre.

The program, featuring guest speaker and UNA graduate **Capt. Shawn P. Dalrymple ('02)**, included music by the UNA Chorus and Pride of Dixie Marching Band. The event was sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Dalrymple has served as a cadet in both the UNA ROTC and the Simultaneous Membership Program in the 115th Signal Battalion, Alabama National Guard. He was also commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Infantry in 2002.

Dalrymple has received several awards and decorations over his military career, including the Bronze Star, Army Achievement, National Defense Service and Afghanistan Campaign medals. He is currently enrolled at the Signal Captain Career Course, Fort Gordon, Ga. He is married to **Sherry Nance Dalrymple ('03)**. They have a son and are currently planning to move back to Florence where Shawn Dalrymple will attend UNA to work on his MBA through the Army's full-funded graduate school program. They look forward to being back home on the campus of UNA and will welcome the birth of their second child this August.



Sherry Dalrymple ('03) and Capt. Shawn Dalrymple ('02)

resulting in its use now more than ever before in the construction field.

In fact, Shotcrete was first introduced to the south by way of Waterloo native E.L. Culver. Since that time the Shoals has lead the industry in quality and innovation. "I am a second generation Gunite-man," said Keith Holmes, "My father worked for Mr. Culver, so I suppose this line of work was just in my blood." "This award has special significance for several reasons, namely that it is determined by a group of industry experts and our peers." said Brad Holmes, "More importantly, and on a personal note, it recognizes the 38 plus years that my father, Keith, has committed to the industry. I couldn't be prouder for him or our employees. As much as I would love to take credit for this project, the true credit goes to our staff."

ASAs award to B&A Contractors, Inc. was recognized at an awards banquet in Las Vegas, Nev., in February. Additionally, B&A Contractors, Inc., and the Shoals were featured in ASA's professional magazine, website, and presentations throughout the year.

Shotcrete is a process for applying concrete to surfaces using air pressure. The capability of Shotcrete to be applied to all forms of new construction, and for maintenance and repair of existing structures, is of interest to both the Architectural and Engineering professions. The ease and speed at which repairs to vital structures can be made is



IN MEMORY

Years Unidentified

Ruth Parnell Hubbard was a member of First Baptist Church in Florence. She was an elementary school teacher in Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama before she retired in 1975.

Theodore H. Pounders, Jr. was awarded the Purple Heart for his service to the U.S. Army while in Korea. He was employed by Reynolds Metals Co. for 25 years. He was a former mayor of Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Stanley Weeks was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He was a teacher and principal at several schools in North Alabama. He also worked for the Social Security Administration, BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama, and was a member of the Methodist Church. He lived in Falkville, Alabama.

1940s

Delbert G. Hicks ('46) served as a school teacher, principal, county school superintendent and various positions in the state Department of Education. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Scottsboro, Alabama.

Edison Eugene Green ('49) was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was a State Farm insurance agent for 33 years and served as an elder at Highland Park and Tuscumbia Churches of Christ. He served on the University of North Alabama Board of Trustees.

1950s

Gladys Irene Massey ('50) of Russellville, Alabama, taught elementary school for 42 years and was a member of First United Methodist Church and Alpha Delta Kappa (an international honorary organization of women educators).

Dorothy N. Mitchell ('50) was a member of Central Heights United Methodist Church and worked as reading supervisor and supervisor of instruction for the Lauderdale Country School System. She was the first female commissioner for Lauderdale County, a position she held for 12 years. She was the 1987 Alumni of the Year at UNA.

Peggy Carolyn Smith Parker ('54) was an avid bridge player and had achieved the rank of Life Master. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society and lived in Hideaway, Texas.

Lelton Frank Gray, Lt. Col. U.S.A.R. ('55) was an officer in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and continued his service in the National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve. He was a teacher and coach in the Oakman, Carbon Hill, and Jasper school systems and was a member of the Sixth Avenue Church of Christ. He resided in Jasper, Alabama.

Charles E. Winborn, Jr. ('56) served in combat during the Korean War. He preached at numerous churches and was a devoted Christian.

Dr. James R. Prater, Jr. ('57) served as a reserve medical officer in the Army infantry and the paratroopers. He left the service with the rank of captain. Dr. Prater was an Optometrist and practiced for many years in Florida and Alabama. He was an active citizen

of his community, and spent much of his time coaching, fundraising and serving on many committees and boards, including the Shoals Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Prater and his family restored an 1840 log cabin and he and his wife lived there until his health began to fail. He lived in Athens, Alabama.

Bill L. Jones ('58) coached the UNA Basketball team to its first national basketball championship in 1979. Under his coaching, the UNA Basketball team won three Gulf South Conference championships, three GSC tournaments and four NCAA regional championships. Originally from Lexington, Alabama, he retired from UNA as the Athletic Director and lived in Florence with his wife, **Joan Jones ('58)**.

Don Littleton ('59) was an elder and member at Chickamauga Church of Christ. He retired as principal at Gordon Lee High School in Chickamauga, Georgia after a successful career coaching football and baseball. Littleton and his wife, **Barbara Weathers Littleton ('59)**, were the parents of three daughters.

1960s

Arthur Neal Harrison ('65) taught science at UNA, Calhoun Community College, and Huntsville City schools. He lived in Rogersville, Alabama.

1970s

Bertis Lee Bevis, Jr. ('72) taught at Deshler High School and at the Huntsville Center for Technology, Huntsville City Schools. He resided in Bremen, Alabama, with his family.

Judy Shepherd Johnson ('70) died and was buried in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She is survived by her husband, Larry W. Johnson, and a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth Johnson. She was a Library Media Specialist at Bryant High School. She had served in similar positions at Echols Middle School and Buhl Elementary and was an educator for more than 30 years in Alabama, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Aubrey David Ray II ('74) died in 2008 at the age of 56. His wife, **Laura ('75)**, lives in Vinemont, Alabama.

1990s

David Randal Burns ('93) taught Computer Discovery at Corinth Junior High School. He was an avid hunter, golfer, and fisherman. Survivors include his wife, Wanda, and two sons.

John David Cochran ('93) was a member of The Orchard Church in Tupelo and lived with his daughter in Smyrna, Georgia.



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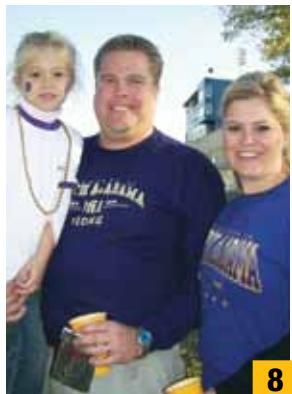


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1. Harlon Hill (55 & '69) with Nancy and Glen Curtis
2. Ryan ('01) and Lisa Clayton ('00 & '02) with Governor Bob Riley
3. Susan Adams ('80), Beth Lancaster ('82), and Susie Martin ('81)
4. Thomas McNeil ('69) and Lara Collier ('90 & '93)
5. Pat Roden ('75 & '77) and Miranda Bowie ('04)
6. Betty, Robbie, Susan, and Greg Burdine ('82)
7. Peggy ('66) and Doug Murphy ('53)
8. Elizabeth, Bret ('96) and Ashley Jennings ('96)
9. Joan Kephart ('55), Gloria Smith ('63), and Joan Jones ('58)
10. Jason Messing ('07) and, dad Patrick
11. C. W. Hunter ('63), Leo, and Jeff Edwards ('64)
12. Coach Terry Bowden with ATOs



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UNA ALUMNI review

Fall Showcase 2008: One World, Many Voices

A Music Review by Guy Schafer

"One World, Many Voices" took place on November 14 at the Highland Baptist Church in Florence. Dr. Ian Loepky directed the University Chorale, Collegiate Singers, Chamber Choir and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble. There was also a special performance by the UNA World Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Iain Moyer. Special guests - the Muscle Shoals High School Concert Chorus and the Florence High School Concert Choir - performed several numbers as well.

The program started at 7:30 p.m. and before you knew it 9 o'clock was there and you found yourself wishing for more!

The Florence High School Concert Choir and the Muscle Shoals High School Concert Choir and Chamber Ensemble did a wonderful job. Florence High School's "No Rocks A-Cryin'" was one of the highlights with its powerful solo. Both schools gave strong vocal performances and were testimony again to the large pool of musical talent in the Shoals area. Directors Libby Counts of Muscle Shoals and **Rebecca Rockhill ('71)** of Florence High School did an amazing job with their groups.

But the University groups under the guidance of Dr. Loepky were the main attraction of the night.

The evening started with Loepky's moving rendition of "River" from the soundtrack to the movie "The Mission." The film's score is by acclaimed Italian composer Ennio Morricone who has scored more than 400 movie soundtracks in his career. Leopky captured the essence of the piece, its layered and textured vocals, the building and sweeping crescendos and the soft and subtle rhythms of the jungle tribes of Ecuador as one might imagine it to be in the 1600s.

UNA Collegiate Singers



The ninth century plainchant, "O Creator Spirit, Come" was deeply moving, as if deep was calling to deep! It was powerful, intense and sweetly tender. Beautiful!

The UNA Vocal Jazz Ensemble was not only extremely entertaining but equally moving with their a cappella rendition of several pieces. More than just singing, their movements and expressions and sounds made the pieces absolutely wonderful and riveting. Leopky's direction of Canadian composer, Lydia Adams "Mi'kmaq Honour Song," a "dedication to the honour of the creator" was a sensory experience. Several performers were spread throughout the auditorium and sitting in the middle of the audience, you could hear wind, a loon, a wolf, water, night creatures, and best of all you could hear the song of nature, the tender and lilting call to come and honour the Creator. This was a haunting and compelling piece, sweetly moving the spirit of man to creator.

The UNA World Percussion Ensemble comprised of several members and various drums of different sizes and sounds were impressive and exciting, to say the least. Fantastic performance and so well received by the crowd!

By the time "Dibon," a traditional African piece came along and "Esto Les Digo" and "Muie Rendera" were performed, the human spirit had been touched. These pieces, especially "Esto Les Digo," were so compelling, so tender and intimate, one was moved to tears. The spirit of man was rejuvenated, touched and refreshed. Mercy, and healing and forgiveness were carried on each note to the listener's ears and hearts! There was a beckoning, a calling, and a drawing of man to come, to rest!

It was a night of amazing performances, strong solos and tremendous music! It would do you well to put on your calendar the next performance of the UNA choirs and ensembles. Well done Loepky, well done students ... well done!

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BIG BOB GIBSON'S BBQ BOOK

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By Chris Lilly ('90), author of the upcoming cookbook

I am the husband of the great-granddaughter of Bob Gibson and the father of three children who someday, I hope, will carry on the tradition that was started so many generations ago. I began working for the world famous Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q restaurant in Decatur, Ala., in 1991. Big Bob's was named, "Best Barbecue Restaurant in Alabama" by the *Birmingham News* and recognized by *The Wall Street Journal* as having the best pork barbecue in the country. Now vice president, executive chef, and partner of Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q and Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q Franchises, I formed the Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q Competition Cooking Team. Over the last 11 years we have amassed 10 World BBQ Championships including six Memphis in May World Titles (a.k.a. "The Super Bowl of Swine"), as well as winning the American Royal International Cook-Off and BBQ Sauce Competition (which awards the Best Sauce on the Planet honor), and eight state barbecue grand championships across the Southeast. We were also able to display our culinary talents abroad by



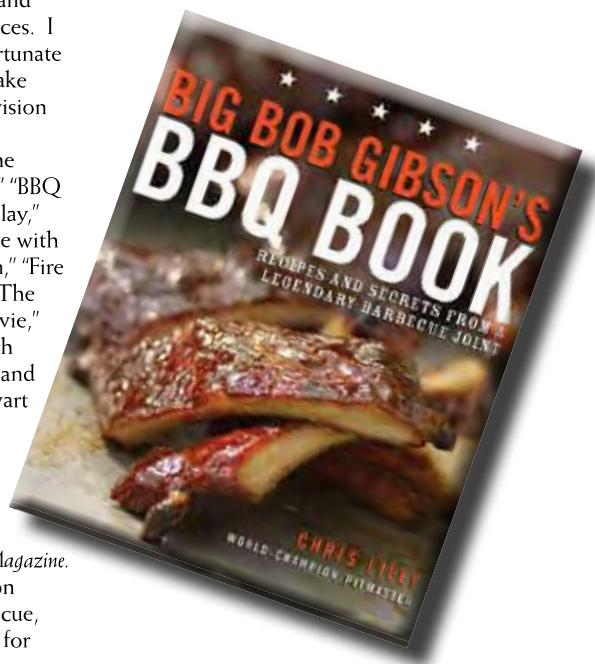
Chris Lilly ('90)

capturing the Grand Championship at the 2003 International Jamaican Jerk Barbecue Cook-off.

Companies and organizations such as American Express, 3-M, Boeing, The National

Pork Board, KC Masterpiece, and Grand Marnier have all used my consultation and catering services. I have been fortunate enough to make national television appearances, including "The Today Show," "BBQ with Bobby Flay," "Cooking Live with Sara Moulton," "Fire in the Soul - The Barbecue Movie," "Cooking with Paula Deen," and "Martha Stewart Living." In addition, my cooking has been featured

The Outdoor Life Network (OLN). This nine-episode BBQ television series aired in 2005. Along with creating the show, I also assumed the Executive Producer role and hosted the show. In 2006, I continued with my television endeavors as co-creator and executive producer of "The Barbecue Championship Series."



in *Southern Living*, *The New York Times*, *Men's Health*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Maxim Magazine*.

In an effort to educate America on the fundamentals of championship barbecue, I created "The All-Star BBQ Showdown" for



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